Why do some people not attend Church and Holy Communion? Because they are dead in trespasses and in sins. Ep. ii., 1.

Who can raise them up to new life? The Holy Ghost the Lord and Giver of Life.

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TEXTS TO BE LEARNED.—Prov. xv. 29; 1 S. Jno. v. 14, 15.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I.—THE PEOPLE WHOM GOD HEARS.

What is one mark of GOD's people? Humility. Who are humble? Those who feel their own weakness and sinfulness and GOD'S strength and holiness. Why does GOD listen to the prayers of the humble? Because only the humble can really pray. Explain this further? We must feel we want something which GOD alone can give, before we ask for it aright. In what other words may GOD's people be described? As those who serve Him. Whatri ght does this give them? The right to pray. And of what does it assure them? A ready answer. What is promised to the righteous? See 1st text for repetition. What then is our prayer to-day? "Let Thy merciful," etc.

II.—THE WAY IN WHICH HE ANSWERS THEM.

Does GOD always hear His people's prayers? Does He always grant their requests? What was Christ's prayer in Gethsemane? S. Luke xxii. 42. Was that petition answered? Why does GOD sometimes refuse us too? Because it is for our good. Because we ask amiss. St. James iv. 3. But when does He gladly grant our requests? When we ask for such things as please Him. What do we learn from the Collect? That GOD will hear the prayers of His humble servants. That He will grant such requests as please Him.

THE CATECHISM.

How many Commandments are there? Which be they? (Learn answer in Catechism.)

GOING UP TO JERUSALEM.

Read part of Acts xx. and xxi. Learn Ps. xvi. 8.

When S. Paul left Troas, where did he go and how? Alone by foot to Assos. xx. 13.

Why? That he might think of his great work and get strength for coming trials.

Arrived at Assos, how did the company go on? By ship to Miletus.

For whom did S. Paul send when here? Ver. 17.

Who were the elders? The presbyters or priests.

Why did he speak very solemnly to them? Because they should see his face no more. Ver. 25.

What did S. Paul next do? Ver. 36.

How were the people affected? Ver. 37.