

KALENDAR.

[DECEMBER.

1. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
2. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
3. F. 2 P.M. C. W. M. A.
5. S. SECOND IN ADVENT. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
8. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
9. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
10. F. 2 P.M. C. W. M. A.
12. S. THIRD IN ADVENT. 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
15. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
16. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
17. F. 2 P.M. C. W. M. A.
19. S. FOURTH IN ADVENT. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
21. Tu. S. THOMAS. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
22. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
23. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
24. F. 8 P.M. Christmas Eve Service.
25. S. CHRISTMAS DAY. 7, 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
26. S. FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS. S. STEPHEN. 8 A.M. Holy Communion. 2.30. Holy Baptism.
27. M. S. John the Evangelist. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
28. T. Innocents' Day. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
29. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service.
30. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
31. F. 11 P.M. Midnight Service.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 31st.—Ellen, *d.* of William and Margaret Troughton.
31st.—Helen, *d.* of William-Banks and H. D. Baines.
- Nov. 1st.—Walter-Percival-Lundy, *s.* of Jeffery and Florence Foot.
25th.—Samuel-Robert-Briggs, *s.* of Edward and Mary-Anne Ball.
25th.—Rachel, *d.* of Alexander and Mary-Jane Douglas.
25th.—Robert-George, *s.* of Robert and Maggie Brown.

MARRIAGES.

- Oct. 20th.—McGregor Flight to Annie Solomon.
25th.—William-James-Robert Boyes to Adelaide-Louise Holmes.
- Nov. 13th.—William-Henry-Alexander Pitt to Elizabeth Maitland.

DEATH.

- Nov. 13th.—Mary-Ann Murray, widow of Davidson Murray. Aged 77. Her end was peace.

THE CLERICAL STAFF.

Commander Pocock, R. N., Deacon, has been appointed an assistant minister in this parish, (without stipend.) His services are to be given for certain branches of work which he specially undertakes.

ADVENT SERVICES.

The *Friendly Messenger*, a monthly paper of the G. F. S., has a contribution in the November issue, by Professor Roper on the season of Advent. It is so excellent that we feel tempted to reproduce it wholly, but we have only space for some extracts:

"The name of Advent is familiar to us all, but as S. Bernard said long ago, the meaning of the season and the use that is to be made of it is by no means so generally well known. What does Advent mean, and what use can we make of it? There are in reality three Advents. In the first He came in the flesh, and in weakness; in the second He comes in the Spirit and in power; in the third He will come in glory and majesty. The first Advent began on the first Christmas Day, the second on the first Whitsunday, and the third will begin on the great Judgment Day. In the first the Eternal Son of God came as our Redeemer, and was visible on earth. In the second He comes in the presence of the Holy Spirit our sanctifier, and is invisible; known and loved but not seen, He now makes His abode in the hearts of men. In the third He will come as our Judge; then again He will be visible, seen in His awful holiness and power by those who have loved Him here, as also by those unhappy ones who have loved Him not."

"The meaning then of the Advent season is quite clear, and the use of it obvious. Advent is a special season set apart by the Church as a time of preparation for our Saviour's coming, and this preparation is now seen to involve three-things. It must be a thankful recollection of the Advent which has been; it must be a faithful realization of the Advent that now is; and it must be a watchful expectation of the Advent that shall be. But what use can we make of the season this year? It is quite obvious that our first duty is to make ready our hearts to welcome Him when He comes to us spiritually even now."

He comes to us in the means of grace, He comes to us where the two or three are gathered together in His name, above all He comes to us in Holy Communion. Let one definite purpose of this Advent time be a special and devout preparation for our Christmas Communion. "For in the Holy Communion the thoughts of the three Advents are all gathered up. There we meet to receive His gifts from One, Who really though spiritually