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## The Calendar.

### SEPTEMBER.

2. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
9. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
16. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
21. St. Matthew, A., E. and M.
23. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
29. S. Michael and All Angels.
30. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

### What Then ?

#### I.

After the Christian's tears,  
After his fights and fears,  
After his weary cross,  
All things below but lost—  
What then ?

Oh ! then—a holy calm,  
Resting on Jesus' arm ;  
Oh ! then—a deeper love  
For the pure home above.

After this holy calm,  
This rest on Jesus arm,  
After this deepened love  
For the pure home above—  
What then ?

Oh ! then—work for Him,  
Perishing souls to win,  
Then Jesus' presence near,  
Death's darkest hours to cheer.

And when the work is done,  
When the last soul is won,  
When Jesus' love and power  
Have cheered the dying hour—  
What then ?

Oh ! then—the crown is given !  
Oh ! then—the rest in heaven !  
Endless life in endless day,  
Sin and sorrow pass away.

#### II.

After the joys of earth,  
After the songs and mirth,  
After its hours of light,  
After its dreams so bright—  
What then ?

Only an empty name,  
Only a weary frame,  
Only a conscious smart,  
Only an aching heart.

After this empty name,  
After this weary frame,  
After this conscious smart,  
After this aching heart—  
What then ?

Only a sad farewell  
To a world loved too well,  
Only a silent bed  
With the forgotten dead.

After this sad farewell  
To a world loved too well,  
After this silent bed  
With the forgotten dead—  
What then ?

Oh ! then—the judgment throne !  
Oh ! then—the last hope—gone !  
Then all the woes that dwell  
In an eternal hell !

### Failures.

Readers of Walter Scott, of course, remember his inimitable account of the first attempt of Dominie Sampson to preach. When he appeared in the pulpit "he became totally incapable of proceeding, gasped, grinned, hideously rolled his eyes, till the congregation thought them flying out of his head, shut the Bible, stumbled down the pulpit