

her childrens' thoughts from worldly scenes to commemorate and meditate upon great events past and to come. How needful it is in this busy and matter-of-fact age that we should have the actual scenes in the life of our Blessed Lord brought to our notice; and that the great lessons in connection with His Life and Death, His Resurrection and Ascension, and the time of His return to be the Judge of Quick and Dead, should be told and retold with increasing emphasis as the years come and go, hastening us on to the grave, or bringing nearer and yet nearer the time when all earthly things shall end. Again we have entered upon the Advent Season—the beginning of the Church's Year, and we are bidden to devote the few weeks before Christmas to the consideration of those great events—the first and second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And surely no Christian who has at all realized the momentous interests which are connected with the life on earth and the life to come can fail to thank God for such a season as this of Advent—a season which should not only make us thank God for the gift of His Dear Son, but also lead us to a careful examination of our lives, and to an earnest and prayerful resolve to be more watchful and more active in Christian Faith and Works, as the time approaches when no man can work. Let us, then, make this Advent of more value than, perhaps, past seasons have been to us, by seriously and more frequently contemplating the comings of Christ, as they have to do with our present and future existence. Christ came in the Flesh to be our Saviour and

Mighty Deliverer—to save and deliver us and all mankind from sin; He is coming again that we may render Him an exact account of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil.

Dear reader, Christ loves you, and so came to earth in great humility to be your Redeemer and Saviour. Have you thought upon His love, and have you felt constrained to love Him in return? Christ is to come again in majesty and great glory as King and Judge. Have you been serving Him, and looking and longing for His second coming?

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

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## NOTES ON THE PRAYER BOOK.

### No. I.

REMEMBER that the Prayer Book consists of liturgical matter derived from the liturgies of Primitive Christendom. Do not think that our Reformers sat down and composed an entirely new form of worship. Nothing was further from their thoughts. On the contrary they were most anxious to retain everything agreeable to Scripture