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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER.

- 1—**All Saints' Day.** *Morning*—Wisd. iii., to 10; Heb. xi., 33-xii., to 7. *Evening*—Wisd. v., to 17; Rev. xix. to 17.
- 4—**Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Daniel iii.; Titus i. *Evening*—Daniel iv. or v.; Luke xxii., 54.
- 11—**Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Daniel vi.; 1. eb. iv., 14 and v. *Evening*—Daniel vii., 9 or xii.; John ii.
- 18—**Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Hosea xiv.; Heb. xi., to 17. *Evening*—Joel ii., 21, or iii., 9; John v., to 22.
- 25—**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Eccles. xi. and xii.; James iv. *Evening*—Haggai ii., to 10, or Mal. iii. and iv.; John ix., to 39.
- 30—**St. Andrew, A. & P.** *Morning*—Isaiah li.; John i., 35 to 43. *Evening*—Isaiah lxxv., to 17; John xii., 20 to 42.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Day of Intercession for Missions, (being the eve of St. Andrew, or any day in the week in which the festival of St. Andrew falls), is near at hand and the Church calls us to earnest, faithful prayer for the messengers who have gone to tell the Gospel to the heathen, and that others may be thrust forth.

That this is in accordance with the mind of Christ we well know, for He told His disciples to lift up their eyes and look unto the fields white unto the harvest, and then "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he thrust forth labourers into his harvest."

The harvest still is plenteous, great white fields of immortal grain, ready for the workers; the labourers still are few, so few; one to tens or hundreds of thousands, even millions in some parts. No wonder our Church calls us to prayer. Let every individual who loves his fellow-man, and who knows anything of the love of God, pray at this time of intercession, pray, that God will send forth the heralds of His Gospel, until every creature shall hear the good news, and a way be made for the advent or coming back of our King.

"HE first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Christ."

So it is written of the Apostle Andrew, when he found the Mes-

siah. Go find thy brother, is then the message that comes to them that know the Lord, and bring him to the Master. It is because of neglect to do this that so many of us are but half-hearted disciples. We believe in Him, but we do so little to help others to do so, we tell so few about His love and power, that our own faith almost dies.

The Church, yea, the Christ Himself, needs living members to tell the good news of God's love to men. The great restless, unsatisfied, longing mass of humanity needs a satisfying Saviour. If we have found Him, let us go tell our brother, and bring him to Christ.

On November 1, All Saints' Day, we are reminded of the "noble army of martyrs," and saints of the Most High, who in days gone by have done noble deeds, and by the grace of God have warred a good warfare for their Lord and King.

It does a Christian man good to read the eleventh of Hebrews, from which one of the lessons of the day is taken. It strengthens his moral fibre, and makes him stronger to do that which is right. It tells of men who endured hardness, and suffered reproach and shame and cruel persecutions, and yet did valiantly for their God, counting not their lives dear unto themselves.

We need more Christian manhood to-day—men who will do what they know to be God's will, even if none of those around them do it; men not afraid or ashamed, if needs be, to stand alone; and by reading and studying the lives of the saints of God, as recorded in His Holy Word, we find where they received strength for the warfare, and how they were enabled to go out from their "We of the Chaldees," or "to esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches" than the treasures of earth's wealthiest nations.

CHRIST WITH US.—We leave many things behind us as we go on.

We can never go back over the closing year. We never go over any life path the second time through any experiences. We have infancy once, childhood once, youth once, manhood and womanhood once, old age once, and we die once. We are forever leaving things, places, conditions and experiences behind us. But through all these we have the same Christ, unchanged, unchanging.

The Christ of childhood and of youth remains the Christ of manhood and of old age.

The old ark was carried forward into the new land of promise and still led the people. Whatever changes the year brings to us, we must keep our eyes on the living Christ. He will always be all we need. There will never be a path which He cannot find for us.

A WORD TO THE TRIED.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it."—1 Cor. x. 13.

A Christian life will, perhaps, always be beset with a double danger as far as temptation or trial is concerned. We shall be tempted on the one hand to the danger of self-confidence, and on the other to the danger of self-despondency.

The Apostle St. Paul, in the context before us, has been warning against the sin of self-confidence. After reciting many of the sins of the ancient Hebrews, caused by self-confidence—lust, idolatry, murmuring, presumption, and the punishment which followed them—he says: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." And then he proceeds in our text to warn against the other sin—too much