

CALENDAR .

October 6th.—16th Sunday after Trinity.

2 Chron. xxxvi. Eph. vi. 10. | Neh. i. & ii. to v. 9 ; or viii. Luke vii. 24.

October 13th.—17th Sunday after Trinity.

Jer. v. Colos. ii. 8. | Jer. xxii ; or xxxv. Luke xi. to v. 29.

October 20th.—18th Sunday after Trinity.

Jer. xxxvi., 1 Thess. v. | Ezek. ii ; or xiii. to v. 17. Luke xiv., 25—xv., 11.

October 27th.—19th Sunday after Trinity.

Ezek. xiv. 1 Tim. iv. | Ezek. xviii ; xxiv., 15. Luke xix., 11—28.

WE are glad to be able to notice a slight improvement in the responding in our Sunday services ; particularly in the evenings. We hope this will go on until every one in the congregation will take up the responses. We do so long for the time when every voice shall be heard clearly, distinctly, and reverently taking part in the services of the sanctuary ; when, instead of worshipping by proxy, as it were, every member of the congregation shall claim and exercise the believer's privilege of going direct to the throne of grace for themselves by joining in the confession, prayers and praises as the church intends they should do. We are also glad to find the improvement is not confined to the responding : but notice a disposition on the part of some of the congregation to join in the singing of the hymns. This is as it should be ; and we hope the time will soon come when the choir will occupy its proper position by *leading* the singing of the congregation instead of singing for them. We feel sure that if once the worship becomes thoroughly congregational, the benefit to the members will be such that their only regret will be that they did not have it sooner.

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