

ADVENT.

"THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT, THE DAY IS AT HAND. BE YE THEREFORE SOBER, AND WATCH UNTO PRAYER."

The advent of another year is upon us. Once again the Advent Note is sounded, proclaiming the great doctrine of the Incarnation in its double aspect, the First Coming of our Lord in great humility to save, His Second Coming in glorious Majesty to judge. Advent has its joyous notes, but it has also a minor key. We think of the many familiar faces that we miss since last Advent. And the thought comes—I have been spared to see this Advent; before another Advent dawn I too may be called away. Surely if the truth had hold upon our minds—that Christ's Coming is near at hand, and that He may come at any moment, we should not be so careless and worldly in our lives; we should live more as those whose treasure is above, whose life is hid with Christ in God. We should value more highly the means of grace. And in particular the Church's Daily Prayer, and Weekly Communion would not be so lightly esteemed as now they are.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."

NOTA BENE.

Beginning with Advent the daily Evensong will be said at 5 o'clock.

On Wednesdays, at Evensong, there will be a short instruction on Holy Communion, to which all communicants are invited, especially those who have lately been confirmed.

The hour of Evensong being changed, the Thursday Bible Class will be at 4 p.m., instead of 4.30.

The Sunday Bible Class will now be from 3.10 to 4 o'clock. It is surprising that more of our young people do not avail themselves of the privilege of the instruction given at this class.

The Friday evening Lecture on the Epistle to the Colossians will be held as usual at 8 o'clock.

On Sunday mornings in Advent, Professor Clark will deliver a course of Sermons on the following subjects:

1. Awaking out of Sleep.
2. The Waiting Church on earth.
3. The Waiting Church in Paradise.
4. The Revelation of Christ.

The following will be the subjects of the Rector's Sermons in the evenings:

1. The Coming of Christ in Humility.
2. The Coming of Christ in Grace.
3. The Coming of Christ in Glory.
4. The Longing of the Spirit and the Bride.

CHORAL LITANY.

A new feature in our Services this Advent will be Choral Litany on Sunday afternoons at 4.15 with short Advent Addresses by the following preachers:—Revs. J. Fielding Sweeny, A. H. Baldwin, Canon DuMoulin, and Prof. Clark.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

- November 4.—Mary-Hannah, *d.* of Armar and Rebecca Peel.
 " 16. Christopher Charles, *s.* of Christopher and Elizabeth-Street Robinson.
 " 18.—Alfred-George, *s.* of James-Edward and Lucy Went.
 " 25.—Maria-Eleanor Cooper, *d.* of John and Maria McKeown.
 " 25.—James-Lawrence, *s.* of Albert and Joanna Anderson.

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—Nov. 4th, \$55.68 and \$38; 8th, Thanksgiving Day, \$10 and for Algoma 57.64; 11th, \$57.05; 18th, \$53.80; 25th, \$53.41; in all Parochial, \$267.94. Corresponding period last year, \$244.93. Amount required weekly, \$60.

CONCERT.—The concert in aid of the fund for procuring a piano for use at temperance and social meetings and entertainments in the school house, came off on the first of November, and notwithstanding unfavourable weather, was very successful in every way. The arrangements were made and carried out under the direction principally of Mr. Schuch, who must have been gratified with the result. The performers were Mrs. Walter Ross, of Picton, who, it is understood, intends to devote her time to music professionally, and chose this opportunity of appearing for the first time before a Toronto audience, and met with a reception which seemed an earnest of future popularity; Miss Morgan, also a debutante, who has lately become a member of our choir; Miss McCutcheon, Mr. Jacobsen, (violin), Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hurst and Mr. Schuch. Mr. Phillips being unavoidably absent, Mrs. Parsons kindly acted as accompanist. The amount realized we understand to have been about \$50.