

ADVENT.

"His Name shall endure for ever; His Name shall be continued as long as the sun, and men shall be blessed in Him. All nations shall call Him blessed."

—Psalm lxxii: 17.

In the onward progress of the great stream of this world's life, it is wonderful how it carries with it, cleansed and purified, our conceptions and thoughts as to those passed out of our social life into the great unexplored world beyond. Time, moulded by Christianity, is one of the most charitable forces on the earth; so much so, that a man must have been wholly bad to have avoided its regenerative benedictions—a Nero, or a Caligula.

And this is true also of the lasting appreciation that time exhibits towards the intellectual power of past heroes. All the really