

Church Work.

We speak concerning Christ and the Church.

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“The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross.”—
From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.

ADVENT.

AWAKE—again the Gospel trump is
blown—

From year to year it swells with louder
tone,

From year to year the signs of wrath
Are gathering round the Judge's path,
Strange words fulfilled, and mighty
works achieved,

And truth in all the world both hated
and believed.

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Thus bad and good their several warn-
ings give

Of His approach Whom none may see
and live;

Faith's ear with awful, still delight,
Counts them as minute guns at night,
Keeping the heart awake till dawn of
morn,

While to her funeral pile this aged world
is borne.

But what are Heaven's alarms to hearts
that cower

In wilful slumber, deepening every hour,
That draw their curtains closer round,

The nearer swells the trumpet's sound?
Lord, ere our trembling lamps sink
down and die,

Touch us with chastening hand, and make
us feel Thee nigh.

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A NEW WORK.

At the suggestion of many friends we have decided to do away for the present with “Sunday School Lessons” which have appeared during the past year, and to substitute a CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, which will contain much of interest in the shape of instruction for children. The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, of Peterboro', Ontario, who has shown himself in editing the “Lessons” to be well qualified for such a work, will have charge of this new Department, which will be begun in the January number. We hope to make the little monthly, which has already won a high place and a wide circulation, still more useful to clergy and laity.

ADVENT.

It is a great cause for thankful-
ness that the Church keeps days
and seasons in which to call away