

remarked, 'that Miss Percival should desire him as an acquaintance.' Miss Percival met his glance as calmly as ever. 'Have you understood me so little as to imagine that I desire his acquaintance?' she asked. 'But I will not be so unjust, or seem so vindictive, as to visit on him the fault of another person. I can not regard him as outside the pale of that courtesy which one owes to everybody, though I have not the least intention of showing him anything more than courtesy. And now I think that we have almost exhausted the subject.'

'I am not responsible for it,' observed Graham dryly; 'but I agree with you that it is exhausted. Mrs. Percival,' he added, turning to that lady. 'I am forgetting this time that I have brought you something—a mere trifle in itself, but which I hope will add to your comfort.'

He rose, went into the hall, and returned in a moment with one of those book-rests, which are made to be placed in front of an invalid, and support a volume that may be too heavy for the hand. It was a very happy diversion. Mrs. Percival was charmed, Alice was grateful for the kind thought of her mother, and Graham was pleased by the cordial acceptance of his gift.

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WHAT ADVENT IS.

1. Advent is the season when we are taught to look forward both to the first coming of Our Lord into the world at Christmas time, and also to His coming at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. His first coming was to seek and to save that which was lost. His second coming will be to gather His elect into the celestial paradise, and to trample all His enemies under His feet. Shall I on that day be regarded by Him as a friend or as an enemy? Is my present life one of devotion to Him and union with Him, or one of selfishness, pride, impatience of the yoke of Christ?

2. Of all the miracles in the world never was there one to be compared to His coming on earth in the form of a man. It was a miracle so entirely above and beyond our reason that unless we knew it by faith to be a fact we should be inclined to pronounce it impossible. That the infinite God should take the form of a creature! that the Eternal Word should be clad in a body formed of the dust of the earth! that He should of His own accord leave the highest heaven for a life of suffering and a death of agony! Nothing but the power of God could work such a wonder as this.

3. Yet we know that it is a fact. "For us men and for our salvation." He yearned after us with a divine love. Willingly, joyfully, almost eagerly He stripped Himself of all His glory. "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death." Who after this can refuse to believe that He loved us and still loves us fondly, tenderly? Who can refuse to love Him in return, and to show this love by a loyal obedience to all that He asks of us?

SHE'S VERY PERSPICACIOUS.

A woman who prides herself on her insight into the characters of men she meets remarked the other day that a man always judges other men by himself as a standard. This is the way she finds one man judges another man:—

A Crank—One who has theories about men and things different from his own.

A Dude—One who dresses better than he.

A Miser—One who saves more money than he.

A Spendthrift—One who spends more than he.

A Snob—One whose social position is better than his own.

An Upstart—One whose social position is worse than his own.

A Rascal—One who owes him money.

Ditto—One to whom he owes money.

A Smart Man—One who thinks as he does.

A Fool—One who doesn't.—*New York World.*

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