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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi., 24.  
 Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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## ADVENT SUNDAY.

*Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so. Amen.—Revelation i, 7.*

Yet once again Thy sign shall be  
 Upon the Heavens displayed,  
 And earth and its inhabitants  
 Be terribly afraid:

For not in weakness clad Thou com'st,  
 Our woes, our sins to bear,  
 But girt with all Thy Father's might,  
 His vengeance to declare.

The terrors of that awful day,  
 Oh! who can understand?  
 Or who abide when Thou in wrath  
 Shalt lift Thy holy hand?  
 The earth shall quake, the sea shall roar,  
 The sun in heaven grow pale;  
 But Thou hast sworn, and wilt not change,  
 Thy faithful shall not fail.

Then grant us, Saviour, so to pass  
 Our time in trembling here,  
 That when upon the clouds of heaven  
 Thy glory shall appear,  
 Uplifting high our joyful heads,  
 In triumph we may rise,  
 And enter, with thine angel train,  
 Thy palace in the skies!  
 —Bishop George W. Doane.

"BEHOLD, THY KING COMETH."

BY MARGARET DOORIS.

The King is coming, coming,  
 An army militant  
 Is going forth to meet Him  
 With hearts all jubilant.  
 I see their flashing armor,  
 The sword, the shield divine,  
 And, 'neath the gleaming helmets,  
 The King's own cross and sign.

I see the glint of banners,  
 And 'midst the joyous song,  
 The herald's voice proclaiming  
 Throughout the mighty throng:  
 "The King is coming, coming,  
 I'prepare for Him the way!  
 Go spread the palm and holly,  
 Victorious laurels lay."

Go, win men's hearts to Christ the King,  
 And conquer in His Name.  
 Cast out earth's pomp and glory,  
 Fight not for worldly fame.  
 Go deck the courts with stately firs,  
 Where they shall pay their vows,  
 And weave with fragrant cedar  
 The shining holly boughs.  
 For lo! the King is coming,  
 Is coming to His own,  
 With joyous hearts and willing hands,  
 Prepare for Him a throne.  
 Make ready for His coming,  
 Go help to smooth the way,  
 Join in the glad hosannas,  
 And palms of victory lay.

Each day the King draws nearer,  
 If vigilant, O soul!  
 While working, waiting, watching,  
 Thou wilt bear His chariot roll.  
 In the grey dawn when He cometh,  
 The joy bells all will ring,  
 And the earth with rapturous homage  
 Will welcome Christ the King!  
 —Living Church, '93.

## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

A new and beautiful memorial window has been placed in the choir room of St. George's church, New York.

THE Italian Mission L'Immanuelo, Philadelphia, Pa., held its 12th anniversary lately. It works amongst the 30,000 Italians in that city.

A lady of Grace church, New York, has given a sum of \$18,000 for the erection of the Central Building of their Church House in Denver, Colorado.

Miss Sarah E. Eldred, who recently died in Milwaukee, and was a member of All Saints' Cathedral parish, left some \$32,000 to various Church funds of the Diocese.

THE New York *Churchman* claims that from the beginning of the campaign in that city against unrighteous government, Churchmen have been in the forefront of the battle.

THE Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia, in care of the Rev. H. L. Phillips (colored), is doing noble work among the negroes, Poles, Jews, Italians, and others in the worst section of that city.

IN Minnesota there are said to be more than 150,000 Swedes, Minneapolis being probably the second largest Swedish city in the world. In it there are three Swedish churches with about 1,100 communicants.

THE late Church Congress in Boston appears to have been a success both in point of numbers and effect. The Music Hall holding 2,000 people was well filled at every session and the addresses delivered are spoken of in the highest terms.

FOR the first time in Trinity Church, Boston, of which the late Bishop Phillips Brooks was rector, a vested choir appeared at the opening service of the Church Congress this month. The choir was made up of members from three of the city churches. St. Paul's, Emmanuel, and the Church of the Advent.

MEMBERS of the Greek Church, New York, assembled in Judson Memorial Church, Washington Square, in memory and in honour of the late Czar of Russia, who was the head and protector of the Greek Church. Archimandrite

Kalinskos officiated, attired in rich vestments, and delivered a discourse in Greek eulogising the life and character of the late ruler of Russia. In the Orthodox Greek Church, West 53rd st., a memorial service was also held in memory of Alexander III, the Litany of the Dead being recited according to the rite of the Orthodox Greek Church and in Russian.

THE annual meeting of the Society for the Home Study of Holy Scripture and Church History was held in New York on November 8th. Under the auspices of Bishop Doane, with the wisdom, devotion and enthusiasm expended on the work by Miss Smiley, the Society has become a powerful supplemental adjunct to the regular education of the Church. Its instructors are amongst the most devoted and cultivated women of which the Church can boast. The pupils are found in families all over the country; the courses of study are arranged to suit nearly all classes, and the pupils vary in age from girls leaving school to women advanced in life.

BISHOP HALL of Vermont held a series of special services in Christ Church Montpelier from November 4th to November 11th. The subjects of Bible expositions were "What the Bible teaches concerning Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Absolution and Ordination. The sermons were upon "The truths of our Holy Religion." Many of the members of the Legislature, (which was in session,) attended the services and representatives of all religious denominations: Romanists, Congregationalists, Baptists, Methodists were largely represented. A powerful impression was created. It is said similar services will be held at White River Junction, Middlebury, and elsewhere.

The 40th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Clark of Rhode Island will be observed on December 6th.

BISHOP NICOLLS, of California, in a sermon lately preached, gave a notable historical account of the rise of Christianity in the East, pointing out that the Holy Oriental Church was older than the Roman or the Anglican branches of the Catholic Church. He also mentioned the noteworthy fact that on California soil, long before its American activity, all three of these Churches had been represented. The Rev. Francis Fletcher held service at Drake's Bay in 1579, thus giving the Church of England priority in time in its worship on these shores. The earliest Roman service there was held by the Mission Fathers in 1769. At the Russian settlement at Ross, about sixty miles from San Francisco, were held the earliest services of the Eastern Church in 1812. Thus, before California was under the stars and stripes, its coast had been consecrated by the Catholic prayers to God in the English, Latin and Greek tongues.

THE night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.