

DECEMBER—31 Days

Day	Scripture	Text
1	1st John 1:1-7	Light has come into the world...
2	1st John 1:8-10	Who denies the sin...
3	1st John 1:11-17	Who has loved the world...
4	1st John 2:1-11	Who has loved the world...
5	1st John 2:12-17	Who has loved the world...
6	1st John 2:18-27	Who has loved the world...
7	1st John 3:1-10	Who has loved the world...
8	1st John 3:11-18	Who has loved the world...
9	1st John 3:19-24	Who has loved the world...
10	1st John 4:1-10	Who has loved the world...
11	1st John 4:11-19	Who has loved the world...
12	1st John 5:1-12	Who has loved the world...
13	1st John 5:13-20	Who has loved the world...
14	1st John 5:21-30	Who has loved the world...
15	1st John 5:31-47	Who has loved the world...
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A Christmas Carol.

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RING out the merry Christmas bell
That tells of joy and gladness,
Our happy hearts with pleasure swell,
This is no time for sadness;
This is the crowning of the year,
A day of merry-making,
With feast and song our hearts we'll cheer,
All anxious cares forsaking.

'Twas Christmas-tide when Jesus lay
All lowly in a manger,
He came to take our sins away,
And save our souls from danger;
The shepherds on the hills at dawn
Hear'd angel-voices singing:
"Now peace on earth, goodwill to men,
We are this morning bringing."

'Tis eighteen hundred years and more
Since that glad Christmas morning,
Yet once a year, on every shore,
Are happy hearts adorning
The Christmas tree with presents rare,
Its dark green boughs are laden,
And round it dance the children fair,
The lover and the maiden!

Oh! merry, happy Christmas Day,
For young and old together,
The very snow-flakes seem more gay,
Though bitter cold the weather;
As round the family fireside
The dear ones we are meeting,
Let peace and harmony abide,
With love each other greeting.

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The Church on the Continent.

THE annual Synod of the Church of the
Vaudois met at La Tour, in the Valley of
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on September 2nd. There was a large gathering
of ministers and elders, and of the general
public. Delegates from the Reformed
Churches of France, and Switzerland, and
Germany were present. The English Pres-
byterian Church was represented by the modera-
tor, the Rev. Richard Leitch, M.A., New
castle-on-Tyne. The reports of the congrega-
tions in the valleys, seventeen in all, and
of the various congregations in the leading
towns of Italy, were freely and fully discussed.
Among other matters that engaged the atten-
tion of the Synod was the great celebration
that took place in Rome on the 20th of this
month, in honor of the twenty-fifth anniver-
sary of the freedom of Rome, and the annexa-
tion of the Papal States to Italy. After a
long and animated discussion the following
finding was come to:

"The Waldensian Synod joins in the rejoicings of Italy on this twenty-fifth anniversary of the 20th of September, 1870, the day that assured Italy's unity forever, along with her liberties, amongst which that of conscience and freedom of worship holds the first place. The members of the Presidential Office, acting concertantly with the Boards of the Church, are directed to make the above decision known through whatever means they may consider worthy of the Church they represent, and of the people to whom it is offer-

ed." A deputation, headed by Dr. Prochet, of Rome, Dr. Gamonet, of Florence, the moderator of the Synod, and Pastor Pons, of La Tour, were to attend at Rome and join in the celebration. A letter was also to be sent to King Umberto I., expressive of the good feeling which the Waldensian Church cherishes towards him, and congratulating him on his reigning over a free and united Italy.

The deputies from the various churches were heard on Thursday forenoon. The English Church was honored by the moderator being called upon to give the first address. The Synod also resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Lundy, of Liverpool, and much regret was expressed at the decease of Dr. Lundy, who was a life-long friend of the Waldensians, as he was of all the Reformed Churches of the continent.—The Witness.

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