

time. "Glory be to God in the Highest." Reason assents, unbelief is silent; the joyousness of Christmas time is infectious; and those are found passing round gifts who care not for Him whose Advent is then celebrated.

26th. *St. Stephen.*—"Both the Scriptures and ancient writers are silent with regard to the birth, country and parentage of St. Stephen," we are informed by Fleetwood. It is written that he was "full of faith and power, and did great wonders and miracles among the people," and therefore is worthy of being commemorated. His rebuke of those who had contrived the condemnation and death of Jesus, shows his earnestness as a follower of the Crucified; and as His face was seen "as it had been the face of an angel," and he could say, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God," we recognize him as one of the Saints, and his words and doings to be such as will inspire the devout Christian to be courageous and persevering.

27th. *St. John the Evangelist.*—He was the youngest of the Apostles, and outlived them all, escaping martyrdom, but was not less faithful than others. He was present at the Transfiguration of Jesus, and heard that voice which declared Him "the beloved Son of God;" and was favored with a revelation of heavenly things beyond any other man that ever lived. In his Gospel narrative he always speaks of himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," esteeming it the highest honor to be thus regarded.

28th. *Childermas or Holy Innocents Day*, observed in commemoration of the first Christian martyrs, whom the cruel Herod, caused to be put to death, in revenge for having been disappointed in his crafty endeavour to obtain possession of the infant Saviour. Jealousy and inhumanity never accomplished a more

barbarous act than Herod then ordered and saw completed. God, who overruleth all events for good, has moved the hearts of the followers of Jesus in all succeeding ages to cultivation of holy sympathy for all children, in every passing year, as the Church calls to prayer for "grace, that by the innocency of our lives and constancy of our faith even unto death," we may, like these holy and unoffending martyrs, glorify the name of our Lord, and by our devotedness cause after generations to venerate the memory of our deeds. "The memory of the just is blessed."

ST. LUKE'S ASSOCIATION.

The November meeting found a quorum assembled; and the members, besides receiving reports and suggestions respecting work in hand, resolved on an endeavor to get up a series of Readings, as they may be termed, for employment on some of the evenings of the approaching winter; which it is hoped will yield pleasure and improvement. The Chaplain, the Rev John Abbott, has entered heartily into the views of the originators of the movement, and his geniality and earnestness will be likely to induce assistance from qualified persons, and thus lead to a satisfactory result. We learn that two evenings have been arranged for, to occur in December; the first on the ninth, and the second on the sixteenth, in the Parochial School House. An admission fee of ten cents will be required.

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