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## ADVENT.

At the end of this month there starts the Church's New Year with Advent Sunday. As we all know Advent means "coming" and the season is one of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The four collects for each of the four Sundays suggest the ways in which we should so prepare. The first collect with its central phrase "cast away the works of darkness" takes us back to the message of the prophets and suggests the cleansing of our conscience and the forming of new resolutions. But resolutions are only too easily broken and so we must support them by the study of the Bible. That is indicated by the collect for the second Sunday. We must read our Bible to see how God works on and with mankind and so to be helped to form sensible and practical resolutions. The third collect speaks of the "minister and stewards of God's grace": that does not refer solely to the parson: the laity also are such ministers. For it is the whole Church, priest and laity, who consecrate the bread and wine (that is why you should always say Amen at the end of the Consecration Prayer): the laity have to be present at a Baptism and at a Confirmation. You are minister and stewards: there is a phrase "the priesthood of the laity." But as ministers and stewards you must be present at the service: so that this collect suggests our preparation for Christmas by the Sacraments and especially by the Holy Communion.

The last collect with its reference to Christ's presence among us invites us to prepare by prayer, by placing ourselves in the presence of God.

So we have the true way of preparing for Christmas: we form a simple rule of life guided by our study of the Bible, supported by the grace of God in the Holy Communion and inspired by the practice of the presence of God in our prayers.

Christmas this year cannot nearly be so festive as usual. It may mean all the more because we see the real joy that "Unto us is born this day a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord."

## ST. ANDREW'S-TIDE.

St. Andrew's Day comes the day after Advent Sunday: there will be a Celebration at 8-0 a.m. But the special intercessions and prayers for Missions Overseas will be used on Advent Sunday and there will be no Special Services on the Monday other than the Holy Communion. But on Saturday, 5th December, there will be a Quiet Afternoon: this will have special reference to Missions Overseas: the conductor will be the Rev. R. B. Luard-Selby, Vicar of Troutbeck. It will begin at 2-30 p.m. There will be tea provided at the Rectory at 4-0 p.m. (bring your own food): the 2nd

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session will be at 4-45 p.m. The afternoon will end with Even-song at 5-30 p.m.

It is earnestly to be hoped that many will make a special effort to attend: a time of quiet can make much difference in deepening our resolves and our character. We all of us do too much and are too little. Being is more important really than doing: but few would seem to believe it. Try to come for the whole time: it will not be of so much use to you if you only come for one session. Start at 2-30 and finish at (about) 6-20 p.m. It will not seem nearly so long as it sounds.

#### ARMISTICE-TIDE.

The usual Service will be held at 3-0 p.m. on Sunday, 8th Nov., when the collection will be given to Earl Haig's Poppy Day Fund. The British Legion will parade. This year we shall remember those killed in the last war and in this present war.

#### CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation Classes are now starting and names should be given in to the Rector as soon as possible. There have been several adults confirmed in the last few years: special arrangements can always be made if there are some who would care to consider it. Attendance at the classes does not bind anyone to be confirmed: people are free to withdraw up to the very last minute.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Robert Foster Stobart was buried in Grasmere Cemetery on October 16th. He had been a prominent member of Grasmere social life as a footballer and in the Bowling Club: a keen follower of hounds and a good billiards player. The Observer Corps of which he was a member attended the funeral as also members of the British Legion. Our sympathy goes out to his widow who in ten months has lost both husband and son.

#### MARRIAGE.

Oct. 19. Alfred Joseph Thompson and Margaret Hall.

#### CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Sept. 20. ...	7	4	8	Oct. 11. ...	17	3	11	Local
„ 27. ...	13	0	4					Hospitals
				„ 18. ...	6	11	0	
Oct. 4. ...	7	12	11					

#### RAINFALL.

Rainfall in September, 10.43 inches. Rain fell on 23 days.

3.48 inches Sept. 4th.

G. M. Simpson.

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