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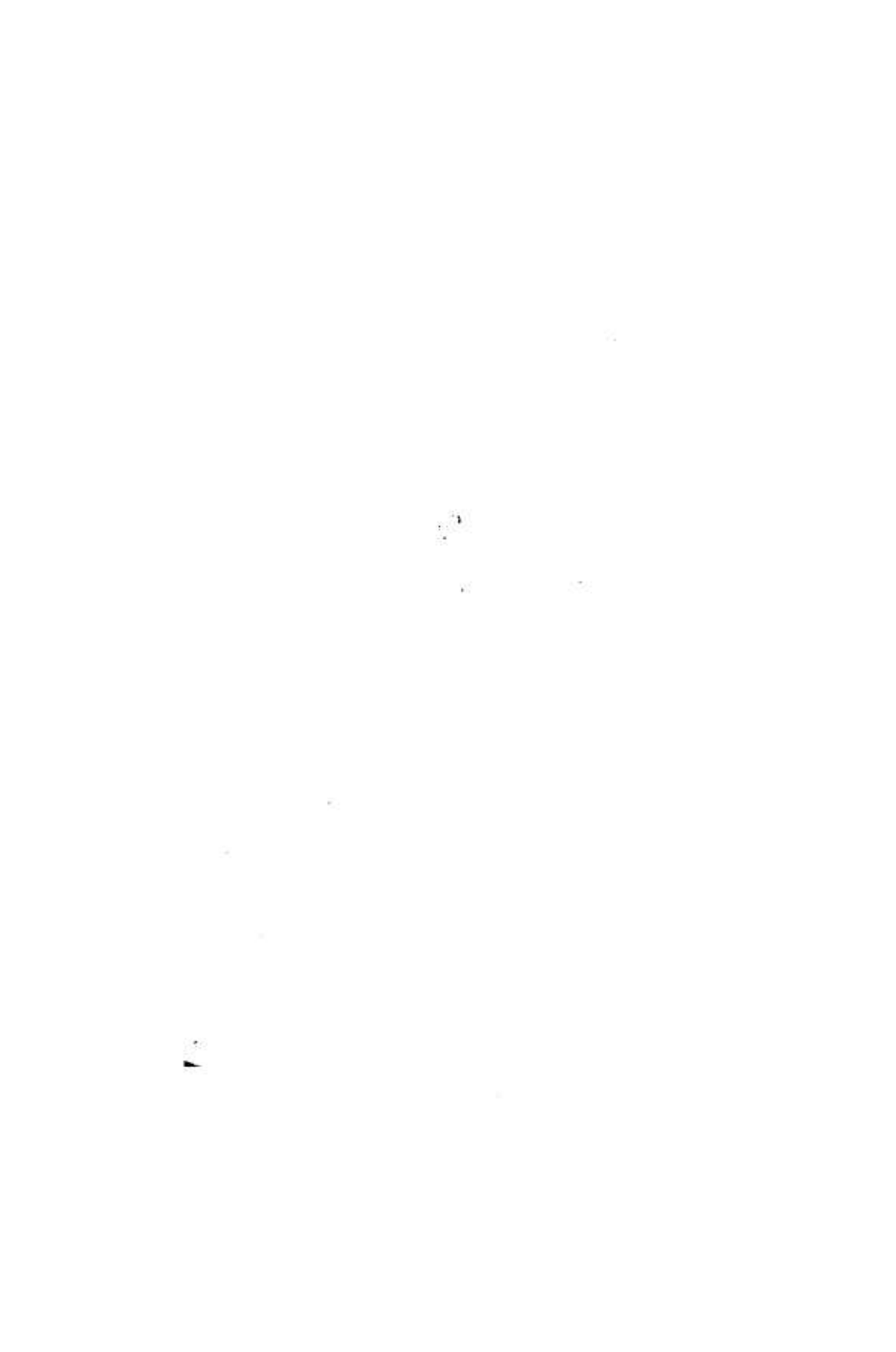
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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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THE object of this little work is to assist persons who have little leisure in meditating profitably every day on some subject which the Church suggests for that day. With very few exceptions, such as the Beatitudes, which are put all together in the month of May, the text is either taken from the service of the day or suggested by the season of the year, as in Lent and Easter-week, or by something which occurs in the service. The poetry is culled from a great many sources. Permission has kindly been conceded by the author of the "Christian Year" and Dr. Monsell to make use of portions of their beautiful works.

Lent has been made to begin on the 22nd of February, in consequence of which Easter Day falls on the 8th of April, and the other Festivals are regulated by this. When Lent falls earlier than this, the pieces for spare days in February can be read on the unsupplied days in March or April; and when it falls later, pieces from the superfluous days of April can be taken for use before Lent begins, care being always taken that at Ascensontide and Whitsuntide the appointed passages be used. An extra week has been added in case any persons may find it more convenient to use these indifferent passages than to mingle April or May with February and March.





## The Every-day Companion.

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November 30.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

JOHN i. 36, 37. *Looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.*

At the beginning, and until the end, Jesus is set before you as your Saviour and your Example. Pray that God will give you grace to follow Him, like St. Andrew. Take Him as your own Saviour, and seek to do as He did. So shall He go and be with you all through the year, whatever may befall you. Think of Him when you are at work, at play, at meals, in bed, and try to do what you think He would do.

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild restless sea;  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

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December 1.

REV. xxii. 12. *Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

You cannot tell how soon the end shall be. "Quickly" Christ will come, even though it may be a few years yet before He appears. You will feel then at once that all is over—no more preparation, no more repentance. What is done, cannot then be undone; and it will be too late to do what has not been done. Do everything as if it were the last thing you would do.

Great God! to Thee our prayers we pour,  
In deep abasement bending;  
Oh, shield us in that last dread hour,  
Thy wondrous love extending.  
May we, in this our trial-day,  
With wakeful hearts Thy word obey,  
And thus prepare to meet Him.

## December 2.

ECCLES. xii. 14. *For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

God's piercing eye takes notice of everything now, good and bad, and He keeps account of it—all the ill you do or suffer, all the good things you try to do and to say. Every little thing, which no one else knows of, the secret reason or motive for which you do things, He knows, and will pass His judgment on it that day. Do not make light of little things; do not think to hide away anything; do not think that any little prayer or kind act will be passed over because it is in secret.

Thou, Who on the judgment day  
Our most secret thoughts shalt weigh,  
Shield us now with pitying care,  
Guard us from temptation's snare.

## December 3.

ROM. xiii. 12. *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 armour of light.*

This world is all dark compared with heaven. Heaven will soon be here. Sin, and all belonging to it, will fly from His face then, as things of night pass away in daylight. Break off evil habits *now*, to-day—everything you will be ashamed of when you speak to Him. Look to Him for strength to conquer them all. The end shall be day without any night to follow: "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The night hath waned; the day is near,  
The day when Jesus shall appear:  
Oh, be our lamps with oil well stored,  
That we may meet our coming Lord.