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Dark Before The Dawn. With last Sunday commenced a new ecclesiastical year. From now up to the very eve of the great Christian festival of Christmas, the Church enjoins her children to prepare in a spirit of penitence for the spiritual coming of Our Lord.

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Church Attendance. While it may be contended that physical presence in church on the Sabbath and other days is not a true test of belief in the tenets of the Christian religion nevertheless it may be put down as an evidence of a person's interest in the creed he professes.

Church Attendance (continued). The attendance at the 87 Protestant churches numbered 38,750, that at the 19 Catholic churches was 55,261.

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