

At Prayer Meeting.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER. There were only two or three of us Who came to the place of prayer...

We knew his look on our leader's face, So rapt and glad and free; We felt his touch when our heads were bowed.

Each of us felt the load of sin From the weary shoulder fall; Each of us dropped the load of care,

It was only a handful gathered in To the little place of prayer, Outside were struggle and pain and sin,

And forth we fared in the bitter rain, And our hearts had grown so warm, It seemed like the plying of summer flowers.

Christ in the Upper Room.

BY REV. J. R. MILLER, D. D. The upper room was a sacred place. We do not positively know where it was, but probably it was in the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark.

Wherever this room was, it was made sacred by what took place in it that night. We may suppose that it was in this same room also that three nights afterward the disciples were gathered when Jesus appeared alive among them.

In the dusk of the evening the Master and His disciples gathered in this upper room. Jesus knew all that was before Him, but His heart was full of peace as He took His place at the table.

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Then who can tell what blessings have come out from that upper room for the ages since that night? It is the holy of holies of Christian history. The Lord's Supper, instituted there, has sweetened the world with its fragrant memories.

After the departure of Judas came the institution of the Lord's Supper. In this Jesus revealed much of His heart. It showed His love for the twelve. He wanted them close to Him that last hour.

of Jesus that He so craved to be kept in mind by His friends. The Lord's Supper, every time we partake of it, repeats to us this desire of our Master, "Remember Me. Do not forget Me."

From the upper room we have this precious feast of memorial, and while we observe it reverently and with tender affection, the circle around that first table widens out and we find ourselves sitting in the company of Christ's friends, as the first disciples sat that night, partaking of His body and blood, and entering into the closest communion with Him.

Part of the Master's farewell words were answers to questions which certain of His disciples asked Him. These men had their difficulties and He helped them with these. After the conversations Jesus made His bequests, leaving the gifts of peace and joy to His friends.

When the farewell words were ended, then followed the great intercessory prayer, in which Jesus gave His disciples into the keeping of His Father, now that He must leave them Himself. His pleading was full of tender love. It was like that of a mother about to leave this earth, and who is commending her children to the care of God.

When the prayer was ended, the Master and His eleven disciples left the upper room and went out into the street and on toward Gethsemane, to meet the anguish of the Garden and then in an hour to be betrayed into the hands of His enemies.

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Daily Devotions in the Home. Surely God means that there should be an altar in every house, and that religion should sanctify everything in every home. What can be said of a Christian home without daily prayer? It lacks one of the essentials of a Christian home.

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In former days pastoral visits meant more than they do now. The old time pastor went to the homes of the people, not to talk on secular questions or enjoy a social hour, but to inquire into the religious state of the family, to give counsel and stimulate religious life.

There are many hindrances in the way of family prayers in this day. Parents are pressed for time. In the morning the father must eat his breakfast while his children are in bed, and hurry away to catch a train or a boat, and travel many miles to reach his place of business.

At the conclusion of the service, Dr. B., one of the elders, came to him as he was leaving the pulpit, and with tears streaming down his face, thanked him for the good his sermon had done him.

Was not the preacher under the direct leading of God when he forgot his sermon, and was led to make a direct appeal to the heart and conscience of these two men?—Christian Companion.

A NEGLECTED CHILD is very dangerous, and the farther it goes the faster it goes. A very small quantity of Adamson's Botanic Balsam will cure a "young" cough. An older one requires more Balsam to stop it—but no cough is too old for it to cure.

That dancing exerts a fascinating, dissipating influence upon young people is as certain as it is that rum inebriates and that familiarity with euchre tempts in the direction of gambling. In evidence of this we have the testimony of the above-named great scholar and Bible commentator.

Besides all this, prayer is answered. The daily prayers which parents offer for their children in their presence are not in vain. The larger part of the history of each one is unwritten. Could we know just how much we owe to the prayers of our fathers, we would be more careful that our children should not be forgotten at the family altar.

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No one would think of dispensing with public prayer. Let the voice of prayer continue to rise in the sanctuary where the multitudes assemble. All those who believe in religion realize the importance of secret prayer. They will admit that if secret prayer should be abandoned it would not be long before religion itself would be abandoned.

The Leading of Providence.

We are very much impressed by a little incident in the life of the now sainted Rev. T. S. Winn, told us the other day by a gentleman who was at the time a member of one of his churches. On one occasion, when Mr. Winn was preaching at Carthage church in Hale county, Ala., while the hymn that immediately preceded the sermon was being sung, he discovered that he had failed to bring with him the sermon he intended to preach.

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