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The annual week of universal prayer, appointed by the Evangelical Alliance, has now become one of the great convocations of the christian year. And why should not such gatherings be multiplied amongst us? The Jews had several great national convocations, such as the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, or the Pentecost, the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Feast of Trumpets, These annual feasts must have been productive of much good; for A HIGHLY CONCENTRATED on such occasions the religious heart of the Hebrew nation was deeply stirred. and every man was "to afflict his soul. He was to humble himself before his Maker on account of his sins. The first week of January is a very suitable period to make "confession and thanksgiving." The opening year directs an appeal to place, in favor of this great | every heart; it calls us to love, labour, tificate, however, from an and self-sacrifice, it also gives the mind and heart an inward direction, making us more intensely spiritual than we are generally at other seasons. The Alliance has, therefore, acted wisely in appointing

these meetings for the first week in the It was because the Church of Christ be lieved in the reality and prevalence of in tercessory prayer, that a large portion of that church during the past week, has been gathered together for "common pray. er." It believed that whilst large promise was attached to separate and individual supplication, yet a larger promise was given to united and social prayer. If the 'effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much," the effectual fervent prayer of righteous men avails more Christ Himself has given to common prayer an unusual wealth of promise. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touch ing anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I n the midst of them.'

Apart, however, from the specific promises and blessings attached by Christ to united prayer, the very act itself may be a blessing. Common prayer, looked at simply as an act of united worship, may be a common blessing. It will not therefore be inappropriate if I endeavor to point out to you what seem to me some o the special and distinctive benefits to be thus derived from united prayer when 'many are gathered together praying." Taking the lowest ground first, common prayer is in conformity with the social insincts of man's nature. There are two p inciples in human nature opposite but not repugnant to each other. They are contrary but not contradictory. The one is its individuality, the other its instinct for society. Life is only possible when both are combined. Every man has t bear "his own burden," and yet we are to bear "one another's burdens" as well. And just as man is the only animal possessing a distinct individuality, so man is the only animal capable of society. The lower animals, it has been justly said, are gregarious, but not social. There is no society in a herd of cattle or a flock of birds. There is contiguity in space, that is all. But in a family, in a church, in a nation, there is something more. There are bonds that can only bind human hearts to human hearts. There are profound associations. There is society, that is companionship. Isolation is an impossibility. Men eannot be Robinson Crusoes. Families, societies, nations, are the law not hermits, monks, anchorites. It is not merely not good, it is not possible for man to live alone. The links of the chain

are everywhere in mutual dependence and Now this instinct for social life the revelation of God meets, just as it meets man's consciousness of individuality. God is more than the God of "Abraham, Isaac and of Jacob." He is the God " of all the families of the earth;" "the governor among the nations;" "Leader and Commander to the people." And the Gospel, the last revelation of God to man, is adapted to this side of our nature as the older revelation was. The first gift that fell from Him who "ascended on high to give gifts unto men" was typical and prephetic. It was a gift of tongues. The dispersion of Babel was ended at the "gathering together" of Pentecost. Man's social instincts found there their highest recognition. Hence, as the development of the same plan, came the formation of churches. According to the author of "Ecce Homo" the final aim of Christ was the organization of a Divine Society. And hence, too, Christ's church has been led, not by reasoning, not even by inspired command, to united acts of social worship. I am not aware that there is any positive command concerning the formation of churches in the New Testament. It is one of the deepest principles of human nature finding its expression in a Divine plan. Social prayer is only the crown and

glory of social life. So that looked at .nerely from this low ground, the united meetings for prayer of the past week have been in harmony with fundamental principle of our common human nature. "Many were gathered together praying." And that spectacle, so sublime to the imagination of the many thousands thus gathered together solely for prayer, gathered, it may almost literally be said, "out of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues," has been the grand and solemn witness of the Church of Christ that society is a divine thing, and that men are smitten with its passion for something nobler and better than for mutual protection or mutual trade, for something nobler than even for family order or national life that the last and highest expression of man's social life is to be found in that Divine Society which lies in the Church of Christ. And thus already the "many gathered together praying" becomes a pledge and prophecy of that day when Jesus "shall gather together into one the children of God that are scattered abroad.'

But common prayer is more than an expression of the social tendencies of our human nature—it is capable of inspiring and intensifying the spirit of prayer. It is true that united prayer is not necessary he is no longer far from us. We are

to the spirit of prayer. Private prayer is its own necessity alone. The spirit of devotion is not tied to common prayer as it is to secret prayer. But admitting this, it is nevertheless true that united prayer is capable of doing for us what private prayer could not do. There are certain states of mind familiar to every Christian. the deadness of which is too deep to be easily broken up by any act of individual supplication. The heart may grow too cold for the fire burning on its own altar to thaw it. But the gathered heat of many fires quickly melts it into streams of penitence and love. The wings of our own faith may be too broken to lift us far above this world. The help of others may carry us far above its strife and care

and sin. Another element of blessing in common prayer is found in the fact that it forces on us the thought of the wants and necessities of others. I need hardly say that intercession is just as possible to us when we pray in private as when "many are gathered together praying." But though just as possible, it is not just as certain to be made. For, in the first place, as a general rule when we pray to our "Faaher in secret," the primary cause that leads us to do so is something concerning self. Either the sense of personal transgression, or the pressure of care and sorrow, or the consciousness of some great mercy, one or all of these, lead us to prayer. The very urgency and intensity of the supplication often centres the heart on itself and its God alone. We forget others have their wants and cares, and sins as well as ourselves. "The communion of saints" is a communion of want and blessing, of sorrow and joy, of conflict and triumph, if it is a communion at all. It must be this, if it is a communion of love. "They had all things in common." I do not wonder these words follow the first record of the common prayer of the Church. It is so now. To pray with our brethren is one sure way of praying for them. May be we go rejoicing under many mercies, gladness filling heart and life with its happy sunshine; but perhaps our very joy may be in danger of becoming a selfish joy. But we go to pray with one whom the burden of life rests heavily on, and as we see our brother so tired and sad, we cannot but leave our own joy to help him carry his burden, if nowhere else, yet up to the Father's arm, that it may rest

Such is but one single line of illustraton of the blessings that come even to ourselves from joining in common prayer with our brethern. It leads us out of self only to discover to us when we return

that Christ is now where self was before. And, lastly, common prayer and praise are an indestructible witness to common brotherhood. For we are, after all. prethern in Christ. I am glad that the meetings last week were so fully representative of the various branches of the Christian community. And I shall be more intensely glad, if as a result of these meetings, the spirit of brotherly

love may be increased amongst us. "Behold, how good a thing it is And how becoming well, Together such as brethern are

In unity to dwed!" There is only one Head-One Lord and Master-One Saviour-One Comforter-One Father-One home. "And we being many are one body in Ghrist, and every one members one of another." We are many, but yet one. We shall all see it one day when we get home. The many different coloured rays will then blend into the pure light of Heaven. The many different voices will then unite in the song of "Moses and the Lamb." We shall feel the oneness then. But now? Alas ! it is not so. The one body is rent asunder. The eye is saving to the hand, I have no need of thee; the head is sayeo the feet, I have no need of you. The seamless garment is torn in many places.

The title-deeds of brotherhood are often The children wili not own their own brethren, though the same Father owns them all. The Elder Brother's prayer is not yet fulfilled, "that they all may be one, even as Thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they all may be one in us." But whatever we may be in our daily life we cannot be so when many of different names are "gathered together praying." We cannot pray except we love. When we climb the mount of God we cannot, dare not, take the din and strife of the valley below with us there. We cannot "bless God" and "curse man' with one breath. When we pray with one voice our hearts grow to one heart Common prayer quick ns common and yet uncommon love. When we are all together in the presence of the one Father we cannot but see how many

brethren we have. And our common praise! I sometimes think that but for the praise of the Church even her common prayer would not bind her long together. But so long as we have but one book of Psalms, so long as Romanist and Protestant, Episcopalian and Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist, can join in the same ancient hymn of the Church as they sing. "We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord," I do not fear for the unity of Christ's Church at its very heart. Dr. Talmage says, "there is nothing that can withstand the power of a Christian song. You talk to a man about religion, and he will answer you. He may beat you, perhaps, in argument, but sing to him a Christian song that he heard at his mother's knee, thirty or forty years ago, and how he trembles !"

"The Sultan of Turkey took thirty thousand Persians prisoners. He decreed that they must die, for they had fought against him. Before the day of execution came, one of those Persians, who was a musician, came out and played sweetly upon the flute; and the Sultan heard him, and said, "Play that again," and he played it again. And after awhile the Sultan's heart was melted, and he said, "Let that man go! Let them all go free-the thirty thousand! Put not one of them to death!" But oh! the harp of Gospel song has delivered, not thirty thousand, but a hundred thousand men, who were condemned to death! I was told by an Englishman that when the English army lay around Sebastopol, one evening the bands of music, seated on the battlements, played "Home, sweet Home"; and he said that there was a great sob went all through the army. They were homesick. How many have been made homesick for heaven by some such

> "Jerusalem, my happy home! Name ever dear to me! When shall my labors have an end,

In joy and peace in thee?" Our hymns and psalms belong to no church, to no sect; they belong to Christ. They are perpetual and living witnesses to the truth of the Church's own sublime confession, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." And we feellit; so when we sing together. Charles Wesley may be a long way from some of us in Church government, even in some points of doctrine, but when we join with him in singingah! how he sings it now-

"Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's praise; The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace."