

deathless demand is the living presence of the loving Father. Go to any child in city or in country, and get from its being an answer to the question. What constitutes for you a home? Is it house and furniture and grounds and surroundings? No, not these. Home is the mother's heart, speaking in the sweet-toned voice, the affectionate eye, the untiring care. And if mother is gone, if only house and furniture and grounds and surroundings remain, if the loving, living presence has forever departed, the home has vanished.

This world is the dwelling-place of man, man's house. It is a great, grand, beautiful, wonderful house. But it neither is nor can become our home. And if atheistic scientists could succeed in their attempts to warn Almighty God off these premises, and to banish him from the universe, the human heart would soon find and feel itself an orphan—homeless—a prisoner imprisoned, around it only the cold masonry of natural law, of physical force, eternity blind, deaf, dead, immovable. The universe is our home while the presence of the holy, heavenly, eternal Father fills it, and the child everywhere feels the presence. Lose this and it ceases to be home. God knew and knows that no man can climb up into heaven of heavens, to his secret dwelling-place, on the ladder of his own good works, or on the stairway of the stars, and so he came down by his Spirit and his Son, speaking to us face to face, making his presence to shine upon us through all the pages of holy writ, and there joining his life to ours for time and for eternity. And so wherever the Bible goes there springs up and grows the filial trust in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. There is heard in the family and in the social circle the song of praise and of hope from hearts full of unspeakable peace and joy. The voices of little children, of those bowed and furrowed with age, and of all between, join together in a common fellowship of a common life and love. And there, too, when death comes, in whatever form, the eyes of the dying have in them a light not of earth, and death is conquered even before it is encountered, for, saith Jesus, "Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." Then send abroad God's word, for it carries with it God's life. "It is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth."

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BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday evening, 17th January, Mr. James Brown in the chair. After the opening devotional exercises and reading of the last minutes, a report from the Secretaries on sundry applications for grants of Scriptures was presented and adopted.

A report from the agency and Colportage committee was also presented and approved. The Depository's Cash account, the statement of Cash balances, the schedule of Colportage, and list of gratuities for the month of December were all read and approved, and the Rev. A. F. McGregor closed the meeting with the benediction.

Tuesday, 21st February, the Board met as usual this evening at 7.30