

"Aged I am, and failing fast,
Now my sun is nearly set,
Yet, for Christ's sake, if I last,
I'm not, I'm not, tired yet."

Rest thee; long the adverse rattle,
Sects contending, thou hast heard;
Thou hast borne the heat of battle,
Rest thee now from work and word.

"Vile and lost thy Church first found me.
Found me in the paths of sin;
Its embraces threw around me,
Washed me, fed me, took me in."

Heaven's richest blessings fall
On thy venerable head!
Christ the Lord, thy all in all,
Make for thee thy dying bed!

'Take and eat'—
With this bestowed,
May eternal life be given,
'Drink this'—
'Tis the blood that flowed
For thee; and it opens heaven.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE CHURCH CHRONICLE

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Messrs. Editors.—Many "who profess and call themselves Christians" frequently boast of the superiority of their own Societies over the Church, because they have provided for them more frequent opportunities of public prayer; and it was but a few days since I read in the Lutheran "Burning Bush" a list of persons eminent for their habit of reading.

I think perhaps it may do some good if you will allow me through your pages to recall attention to the oft forgotten fact, that the boast of more frequent meetings for Prayer can only possess, even a show of truth, where the system of the Church is imperfectly carried out. I mean where "Common Prayer" is only offered by the clergy twice or three times on the Lord's Day, and (perhaps) once or twice during the remainder of the week: while the Church plainly directs that "all Priests and Deacons are to say *Daily* the morning and evening Prayer" "and the Curate that ministereth in Parish church or chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the Parish Church or Chapel where he ministereth."

No sect, that I am acquainted with, can anything like come up to the Church in the number of "Prayer Meetings" thus provided. If the Parish or Mission be very wide, obedience on the part of the Clergy is, of course, difficult—but are we to succumb to, or surmount, difficulties?

If the Curate live near the Church, (as is most desirable) he can easily perform this