

nor use our younger members enough in our little home meetings. Still another and most valuable aid to religious growth, is to be found in a series of house meetings, when a sufficient number (the two or three) are impressed with the need of them, and can draw around them the body of the membership, to feel with them the promised presence, to yield to the occasional cravings of their highest nature and where expression will not be checked by the force of habit, which expects some to speak and as much expects others to keep silent. These meetings have been greatly blessed to many in our western neighborhoods. Added to these instrumentalities open for the use of the Society, there should be the home influence strengthened by Bible reading, together and at stated times, not so frequently as to become dead in the formality, yet often and regularly enough to impress all with the purpose in view. Silence, brief, but reverent before meals and the habit with parents of treating the honest religious convictions of all, with tenderness, will prove helps, and with all these used with a fair degree of faithfulness by even a few in each of our meetings, we may cease much of our enquiry for means of denominational preservation and seek instead for extended fields of labor.

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Thought takes me to the very interior of my being, the temple of the King, and there I contemp'tate this wonderful power upon the throne. Shall I call it God, whose attributes are Love, Will, Wisdom, and Power Infinite? Yes, but nevertheless it is simply my own hall self. But something says, "What! not me, the poor, frail, erring specimen of humanity that I am?" Is the same and with the assurance I

exclaim, "How self-sufficient! Indeed I am endowed with all power, the source of all strength, and where can I better go for help than to myself?"

Such beautiful thoughts, and

"I hear in their sweet weird music,
These words, and I hold them true:
'That Christ, who was born on Christmas
morn,
Did only what I can do.'"

But it requires time, a long time of best endeavor, sustained by a determination of good to overcome evil.

"Each soul that has breath and living,
Is touched by Heaven's own fire."

and it is ever ready to serve as an all-sufficient strength in whatever we may endeavor to do for the good of ourselves and the advancement of others, a sacred duty we owe to ourselves and to all humanity, for

"Each living man is a part of the plan
To lift the world up high;"

to bring out the grand, ultimate object of these wonderful forms or expressions, we see throughout all nature, and consummate the divine intention of God. Ah! the importance of man's mission!

"No matter how narrow your limits,
Go forth and make them broad,"

for within is vested the power and the possibility, the same divine power and Christ principle so beautifully illustrated in the life of Jesus: the same that our Heavenly Father requires of "even me."

"For we are, every one, the daughter or son,
Crown prince or princess of God."

Beautiful thought! and may the divine spark be kindled in every breast, whereby all may be enabled to see and understand the truth.

"Have you sinned? It is only an error—"

In learning to walk the strait and narrow way, how easy and apt one is to stumble and fall, even as a child in taking its first steps; but are we to understand that the act has defiled us and have we become unfitted and unworthy to aspire to the attainment of the highest eminence in the long road