

descend at the asking of his believing people. Your Committee would confidently hope that intercessory prayer will be employed in the Closet, the Family, and the Social Prayer Meeting. And in answer to your prayers God's Holy Spirit will come in the conversion of the young men of our city. That the services of your Sanctuaries will yet be crowded with earnest worshippers. Hearts now fruitless and desert to all that is good will flourish with the sweet incense of the rose of Sharon. And all to be accomplished by faithful effort, and in answer to earnest believing prayer. "For this shall I be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them. I will increase them with men like a flock."

May He whose cause it is hear our prayers and bless our efforts. All which is respectfully submitted by the retiring Committee.

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