

Head of the church, behold His glorious face ;
 His members all accepted in their Head ;
 In Him all fulness dwells of truth and grace .
 To meet His people's ever-varying need :
 Draw nigh by Him to God without one pang of dread.

Prayer is the breath of faith in God's own ear,
 Prayer is the open mouth He waits to fill ;
 Prayer is the voice our Heavenly Father hears,
 That brings down blessings from His holy hill :
 Wisdom to learn and strength to do His gracious will.

First PRAY ; then WORK. No work can e'er succeed
 That prayerless wit and will to do combine ;
 All prayerless strength is but a broken reed.—
 A withered branch that's severed from the Vine :
 No fruits, or works of such, shall heaven-recorded shine.

THE WORD PRECIOUS ABOVE EVERY- THING, OR AN OFFENCE.

MARK iv. 16, 17.

Note, how vital *root* is—secret life. *If the word has given life, only the word can satisfy it.* The rain which cometh oft upon it will be relished. And needed, too, for as there is no power of life in the heart, so there is no source of nourishment if life exists.

But if I have got divine life through the word, it will be everything to me. If I have found my