

He told them of the Father's yearning heart,
That for their sins gave His dear Son to die;
Whose hand is ready and His ear intent
To catch a murmured penitential cry.

The vast assemblage hung upon His words,
And faithful hearts to God were raised in prayer,
When suddenly a little stir was seen,
And childish weeping rose upon the air.
A little one, among the crowd that stood,
Had wandered from his father's side away,
And failing in the crowd to see his face
Had wandered far, and farther still away.

A kindly hand led to the pulpit high
The little child, that this might help afford
To bring the wanderer to his father's view,
That to his arms his child might be restored.
'Twas all that needed was; the father's eyes
Were seeking for the lost one far and near;
One glance, then open arms received the boy,
Then joy and gladness took the place of fear.

Then rose the preacher's voice, and told of One—
The Heavenly Father—who so long has sought
To find His lost ones who have wandered far
In ways that are with unseen dangers fraught.
He urged them to but raise their hearts in prayer,
And ask the living God to take them home,
To give them shelter in His heart of love
That from His favour they might never roam.

And there were eyes, that day, that filled with tears
Of penitence o'er sad neglect of God;
And hearts that turned loathing from the paths
Of sin that they had sought and thoughtless trod.
The Father seeketh still the lost that roam!
Some wanderer, who reads these lines to-day,
May find e'en now in that dear love to God
A resting-place forever and for aye."

Dr. Hulburt preached in the evening from Acts i. 8, "But ye shall receive power," etc. He said, that the secret and source of power is the Spirit's operation in the Church, and the forgetfulness of this, the beginning of weakness. With Christ two or three make a Church; without Him a million do not. This sermon held the thousands in admiring attention. At its close many seekers surrounded the chancel rails.

To dwell at length upon all the services held in connection