

themselves, which must often be very apparent to their children, not to neglect, when the Spirit of prayer is given, to offer it for and with them. These prayers will be answered by a loving Father, who not only has the power to deliver out of the world, but to keep them from the evil.

The loving encouragement given to the hidden ones, we would also hand to our dear sisters in Canada. The hidden stones in a building are often those of most importance, giving strength to the structure. The ministry of the Gospel consisteth not alone in public preaching, but equally in doing God's will in the sphere in which in His wisdom He has seen fit to place each one of us.

"The fretting friction of our daily life,
Heart weariness with loving patience borne,
The meek endurance of the inward strife,
The painful crown of thorn,
Prepare the heart for God's own dwelling place,
Adorn with sacred loveliness the shrine,
And brighten every inconspicuous grace
For God alone to shine."

"And He alone who knoweth man,
And knoweth life and what its changes teach,
Is wise to choose, and competent to plan
The earthly path of each."

We have been impressively reminded of that new commandment given us by our Master that we should love one another, and we long that more and more of the blessed spirit of Christian charity should fill our hearts towards all. Of how little value, dear friends, is any form of religion not in harmony with that peace and goodwill proclaimed at the coming of Christ our Saviour. The difficulty of maintaining this point of love and forbearance amidst the strife of contending factions, we never had more reason to feel than at the present crisis of our country's history, which fills so many with anxiety and dismay. Yet we trust and pray that all things may yet be overruled for good by Him, whose eyes behold the nations, and who ruleth by His power forever.

We echo your words: How much we have to be thankful