

to the remains of the river-god, insisted on his restoring the corpse to its native element, which he not only refused, but, with characteristic temerity, if not something worse, applied his waggon whip to the nearest of them. But they returned next day with increased force, and compelled him to throw the putrid monster in again, and drink the infusion if he found no better.

On the lower Ungemi, alligators are only seen when the river is flooded; and the opinion of the natives is, that the largest of these (and they are sometimes killed 12 feet long), have too much respect for a white skin, to attack the favored complexion, not even children. Not long ago, Mrs. N's children had gone during moonlight to bathe in the river, a few yards below the house, and with them, several young Zulus on the farm. One of the former felt with his feet, on swimming, one of these unkindly creatures. He gave the alarm, and made for the bank with his fellows, when they missed one of the black children, who was never more heard of. Neither cry nor commotion was perceived, as the practice in deep water is instantly to pull down its prey, and despatch it unseen. How striking the resemblance to the ravages of the enemy of all righteousness!"

The Weekly Prayer Meeting and Lecture.

Go to it regularly! Now is the time when many will neglect it, and be absent; see to it that you are not one of them; if the weather is warm, let your zeal be like it. If self-indulgence pleads for rest at home, bring up the counter-plea of your covenant engagements, and your own spirituality, and the influence of a good example. Endeavor so to arrange your business, and your family cares, that, as the general rule, you may always be at the weekly lecture, and the prayer-meeting.

Go for your own sake! You may always be benefitted by it; you may always hear some truth there that will instruct you; join in some prayer

profitably; have some omission or neglect reprov'd; or receive fresh impressions of the importance of faithfulness in duty. By regular attendance, the power of good habit will be confirmed, and your spirituality be increased.

Go for your Pastor's sake! If you would strengthen his hands, and encourage his heart, let him see that you are always there. Do not give him reason, from your conduct, to suppose that your piety is *burnt* out by the heat of summer, or *frozen* out by the cold of winter. Let him see that you value communion with God and his truth, more than politics or rest, or even business. Let him feel that he can *rely* on you, and know that however few may be present, you will be one of them. Every member of the church who is regularly at the weekly lecture and prayer-meeting, especially in summer, is doing far more than he supposes to make his minister successful in his work.

Go for the Church's sake! Never is the church revived, but as the spirit of prayer is quickened. It was when they that feared the Lord, spake often one to another—communed with God, and his truth, and each other, that the Lord hearkened and heard it. It was when the two held converse with Jesus, and heard his teachings, that their hearts burned within them; and often in modern times, the Spirit of God descends, and the revival commences, when his people are gathered in the place of prayer, and to hear what God, by his truth will speak unto them.

Go for the world's sake! Let them see that at all times you are faithful to the means of grace, and to your privileges and duties. If a non-professor of religion should enter your lecture-room or place of prayer, do not let him have it to think or say, that "*but very few of the church members, especially the male members of the church were there!*" The church is appointed as God's witness to the world; let it not