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"Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER. For the workers at Chicago, and praise for answered prayer in Bohemia. *Psalm* l. 23, 2 Chron. xx. 21-22.

## "THY BURDEN"

To every one on earth  
God gives a burden to be carried down  
The road that lies between the cross and crown,  
No lot is wholly free  
He giveth one to thee.

Some carry it aloft,  
Open and visible to any eyes  
And all may see its form and weight and size,  
Some hide it in their breast,  
And deem it thus unguessed.

Thy burden is God's gift,  
And it will make the bearer calm and strong,  
Yet lest it press too heavily and long,  
He says "Cast it on Me,  
And it shall ease be."

And those who heed His voice,  
And seek to give it back in trustful prayer,  
Have quiet hearts that never can despair  
And hope lights up the way  
Upon the darkest day.

Take thou thy burden thus  
Into thy hands, and lay it at His feet  
And whether it be sorrow or defeat,  
Or pain, or sin, or care,  
Upon the darkest day.

It is the lonely load,  
That crushes out the light and life of heaven,  
But borne with Him the soul restored, forgiven,  
Sings out through all the days,  
Her joy, and God's high praise.

MARLENE FARNINGHAM.

MISSION CONQUESTS. There is not to day a church in any land truly evangelized that is not essentially missionary in its character. For the evangelization of the world, so far as the members of the church are concerned, a special consecration is necessary, and God is bestowing this blessing in an ever-increasing measure from day to day. Some one has said that two conversations are needful first to Christ as a Saviour from sin, and then to missions as the corrective and antidote to selfishness. It is possible to possess the first, and yet to know little, if anything, of the second. But in these days the number is becoming increasingly small amongst us of those who, feeling the power of Divine love in their own souls, are not longing with an ardent desire that others should be partakers of the same grace and blessing. The revived interest in missions is, no doubt, owing largely to the in-

formation furnished so abundantly from the press and the pulpit, but the motive power behind all this is the flame kindled by the Holy Ghost in believing hearts. The baptism of the Spirit has in recent years been in the direction of the world's evangelization. God's set time for this has now come; and so the Holy Ghost is coming down in power upon the church, pointing out to her, with an emphasis never before experienced, that the grand object for which she has been established, and for which she exists, is to win this world for Christ.

THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS. The millions upon millions of the unevangelized sigh and pine for the grace of life, and sweep swiftly on their darkening way. We have the Gospel; it is *our* life to minister to their need; if we falter and prove recreant here, they perish, and we suffer a fatal loss. Are we less courageous than the little band that began this work? After seventy five years of glorious progress shall our faith falter and our loyalty fail? Are we, then, unworthy of the men that wrought and lived before us, degenerate successors of those who through faith subdued kingdoms and wrought righteousness and endured a great fight of afflictions in a score of heathen lands, and now, resting from their labors, summon us to reap where they have sown and finish their work? Adoniram Judson joyfully in prison for Burmah; David Livingstone dying as he prayed for Africa; nay, Jesus Christ upon the cross for the world's salvation—this is the spirit that benefits the hour, this is the purpose that will win the lost world to faith and eternal life.

Jesus Christ had more than a brother's love for every man He met. We must, therefore, become filled with His Spirit, and allow Him all room to work out the same kindness and sympathy in our lives. For his Disciples Jesus had still a warmer love and a deeper sympathy. Here, too, we must be like Him, the word "Christian" must be made to mean one whose practical object in life is the imitation of Him who came not to be served but to serve. The true road to the salvation of a heart-wick world is the ancient way of sacrifice, of love begotten and sustained by God Himself. How earnestly should we pray for a general baptism of love! "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another."

WHAT IS PRAYER? Dr. Chalmers observes as a marked feature of the prayers of Doddridge, many of which have been published, the "business like style of his intercourse with God." His whole mind seems to have been absorbed in them, they have the look of a definite means for a definite end. Mental reverie is not prayer. Discursive thinking is not prayer. Aesthetic admiration of the works of God is not prayer. Nothing is prayer but the conscious appeal of the soul to God with a conscious purpose to gain an object. Prayer thus conducted, in continuity however brief, subjects the intellect to the same tension which is requisite in earnest discourse to men. A preacher may naturally pass from one to the other, on one plane of intellectual energy. *Austin Phelps*

Mrs. Martell, our Provincial Secretary for New Brunswick, has been visiting Queen's County in the interest of missions. She writes that she had a grand week. Only one meeting prevented by rain.

She met with the Mill Cove Society, on Sunday in the afternoon, and at Cambridge in the evening; James and Macdonald's Corner on Monday and Tuesday. There are