

end, many have found great help from a Quarterly Prayer Card, with topics for each weekly meeting, indicating the passage of Scripture upon which based. Prayer topics have also the advantage of enlarging the mental and spiritual vision of the people, breaking up formal, monotonous prayers, destroying the old hackneyed phrases and memorized phraseology, and giving a newness and constant freshness to forms of expression, as well as diversity of interest in the work of God. Members should work for others and should go to Prayer-meeting, not so much for personal good as for the good of others; not go to get the feeling, but take a feeling. The Prayer-meeting should be for the special purpose of promoting the kingdom of heaven among men in this world. The end sought should terminate on God and humanity.

THE CLASS-MEETING.

Two Methodist laymen in England, who were convinced that the well-being of Methodism is bound up with the Class-meeting, offered a prize of £50 for the best essays on the value of the Class-meeting to the Church, and suggestions for increasing its efficiency and attractiveness. Three essays out of 203 were awarded prizes, and published in book form, with a supplement on methods of conducting and varying Class, topic for Class conversation, Bible readings, etc. The book is to be re-published at our Book Room, and we will suggest a few thoughts based upon the more practical points in the essays.

The essayists admit at the outset that the conditions which existed at the first origin of the Methodist class-meeting does not exist to-day; that we are under altered circumstances; and raise the question whether this ordinance should be perpetuated under present form. The response is that one of the foundation and fundamental principles of Christianity is "*Fellowship*, whereby a true spiritual unity and brotherhood of disciples is realized and fostered." That while such fellowship is obligatory, the mode is not fixed. "Principles are fixed, but their practical applications may be modified and varied according to