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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—
From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.

THY FATHER WAITS FOR THEE.

WANDERER from thy Father's home,
So full of sin, so far away,
Wilt thou any longer roam?
Oh! wilt thou not return to-day?
Wilt thou? Oh! He knows it all;
Thy Father sees, He meets thee here!
Wilt thou? Hear His tender call,
"Return! return!" while He is near.
He is here! His loving voice
Hath reached thee, though so far
away!
He is waiting to rejoice,
Oh! wandering one, o'er thee to-day.
Waiting, waiting to bestow
His perfect pardon, full and free;
Waiting, waiting till thou know
His wealth of love for thee, for thee!
Rise and go! Thy Father waits
To welcome and receive and bless;
Thou shalt tread His palace gates
In royal robes of righteousness.
Thou shalt be His heart of love,
And thine His smile, and thine His
home,
Thine His joy, all joys above—
Oh! wandering child, no longer roam!
—F. R. Havergal.

WISE WORDS.

WE take from the address of the
Bishop of Tennessee a few wise
words:—

The duty of prayer is, I fear,
greatly underrated in the present
day, especially prayer in the family
and prayer in the closet. As a
consequence hearts grow cold,
minds careless, religion languishes
and a spiritual numbness paralyzes
the church. I do not mean that
there is no zeal manifested, but too
often it is a zeal which grows out of
party prejudices, and introduces
within the church the strife and
excitement of the world, instead of
being that zeal for God which
leads to learning His will and
shaping life both by the letter and
spirit of His precepts.

It is in vain to attempt to live
in a state of nearness and obe-
dience to God without prayer. To
neglect this duty is to disregard
the most solemn injunctions of the
Scriptures, and to close up one of
the main channels of divine grace
and communion with our Father in
heaven. We can hardly estimate
the advantages to be drawn from