

may cease.—Eph. i. 15-23; Matt. vi. ; 1 Cor. xiii. ; Phil. ii. 1-16 and iv. 1-13; Rom. xii. ; James i.

Sunday, Jan. 10.—Sermons.—“Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord.”—Luke xii. 35-36.

It is suggested that at meetings pauses for silent prayer should be allowed, that each person may supply what cannot be expressed publicly. This is especially needed in confession and in prayer for families and for the afflicted.

DON'T STAY LATE TO-NIGHT.

The hearth of home is beaming
With rays of holy light,
And loving eyes are beaming,
As fall the shades of night;
And while thy steps are leaving
The circle pure and bright,
A tender voice, half grieving,
Says: “Don't stay late to-night.”

The world in which thou movest
Is busy, brave and wide;
The world of her thou lovest
Is at the ingle side;
She waits for thy warm greeting,
Thy smile is her delight;
Her gentle voice, entreating,
Says: “Don't stay late to-night.”

The world—bold and unhuman—
Will spurn thee if thou fall;
The love of one pure woman
Outlasts and shames them all.
The children will cling round thee,
Let fate be dark or bright;
At home, no shaft can wound thee,
Then—“Don't stay late to-night.”

—Anonymous.

READ the following without help of dictionary or friend. Then see how many mistakes you have made in pronunciation. A sacrilegious son of Belial, having exhausted his finances, in order to make good the deficit, resolved to ally himself to a comely, lenient and docile young lady of the Malay or Caucasian race. He accordingly purchased a calliope and a necklace of chameleon hue, and having secured a suite of rooms at a leading hotel near the depot, he engaged the head-waiter as his coadjutor. He then despatched a letter of the most unexceptionable calligraphy extant, inviting the young lady to a matinee. She revolted at the idea, refused to consider herself sacrificable to his design, and sent a polite note of refusal, on receiving which he said he would not now forge fetters hymeneal with the queen. He then procured a carbine and a bowie-knife, went to an isolated spot behind an abode of squalor, severed his jugular vein and discharged the contents of the carbine into his abdomen. The debris was removed by the coroner, who from leading a life of belles-lettres and literature, had become a sergeant-at-arms in the legislature of Arkansas. —Selected.

Children's Corner.

A Prayer.

Jesus! Jesus! Look and see,
Clouds of doubt encompass me;
Only Thy all-loving eye,
Looking through them, from on high,
Can disperse, or change them quite,
In Thy own reflected light.

Jesus! Jesus! Make me know,
Which the path that I should go;
Which the more unselfish way
Leading upward day by day,
Ever, ever nearer Thee,
Perfect, spotless purity!

Jesus! Jesus! Thou art love;
Look upon me from above;
Let Thy love encircling mine
Fill me with its power divine,
So that all my life shall be,
Witness of my love for Thee.

The Queen and the Child.

FREDERICK the Great, King of Prussia, had a palace at Schonhausen. One day Queen Elizabeth, the wife of Frederick, was walking in the garden connected with this palace. Her gardener had a niece named Gretchen with him in the garden. She was on a visit to her uncle. Gretchen lived in the city of Berlin. Her father was a gardener too.

The Queen talked with little Gretchen, and was so pleased with her simplicity and her bright and intelligent answers to the questions she asked her that she told her uncle to let her come to the palace and make her a visit. So Gretchen dressed herself very neatly and went to the palace at the time appointed.

One of the court ladies who knew about it saw her coming, and told the Queen, who was then at dinner. The good Queen was very much pleased to hear that her little visitor had come. She ordered her to be brought in at once. Gretchen ran up to her kind friend, courtesied to her very respectfully and kissed her dress. At the request of the Queen she was placed on a chair by her side, where she could see at once all the splendid sights which the table presented. There was a large company dining with the Queen. Lords and princes and officers of the army and ladies were