

the prayer-meeting is to our money offerings, in our labors for the spread of the gospel. Money is the material, prayer the spiritual force; and spiritual forces are the stronger. Is it well to cast away our larger strength, and trust only to the weaker? Or the prayer-meeting is our right hand, our gifts the left hand: is it well to cripple our right arm, and work only with the left? Nay, the body must have a soul, or it is dead, inert matter. We must work with both hands in whatever we have to do, else we make a botch, or leave our small deeds unfinished. Suppose we do give our money, and never send a prayer with it. Money will procure outfits, will pay passage, will build mission houses, will buy for the missionaries rice and chickens. But will money give heart and voice and soul to the missionary? Ah, he must be "endued with power from on high."

"But," says some one, "I suppose the

missionaries we send out pray, and God will hear them." But the work is yours as well as theirs. It is a shame for us to leave them to pray alone. Their last word in parting, with the final clasp of hand is "Pray for us." And the same cry comes over the waters, with every ship and with every letter, "Support us with your prayers."

Again, we give our money to send men and women to convert souls. But will the chink of money waken a soul buried in darkness deeper than night? Will the chink of money dispel ignorance and banish sin, and make new creatures clean and pure, out of filthy, ragged, degraded, savage heathendom? Will it convert souls here at home, in this enlightened land? Then will it there? Need we the prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit?" Need they not the same?

May the Holy Spirit come and quicken, and lead us to this higher plane.

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