

in spirit, and more specific in prayer. We may sing hymns and not dirges, made yet more dirge-like by the foolish custom of "lining" them. And finally, we may go to meet Him who has said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Going with such an errand we should always find Him; and then, instead of complaining of the coldness of the church and the prayer-meeting, we should oftener have to say, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way?"

The winter is again upon us,—the season which, for a variety of reasons, may be called our *harvest time*. Let us improve it. Let the week of prayer be the signal for vigorous, and united, and persevering effort. The Lord is no more willing to hear, or able to save, now than at any other season, but men are more at leisure, and more easily accessible on the subject of religion. Invite them to the house of God. Preach unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence! And surely "your God will come, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The *Evangelical Alliance*, in announcing the ninth annual recurrence of the Week of Prayer—to be held from the 2nd to the 9th of January—recommends the following subjects for concert in prayer on the successive days of meeting:

SUNDAY, JAN. 2ND.—*Sermons*—Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. Gal. v. 22, 23.

MONDAY, JAN. 3RD.—*Personal*—Thanksgiving for individual mercies, confession of sin, and prayer for personal holiness and more entire consecration to God's service.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4TH.—*National*.—Prayer for all in authority in our own and other lands; for universal peace; for removal of political corruption and increase of integrity and righteousness in government; for religious liberty and advances of truth in countries where religious liberty is enjoyed, and where it is sought.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5TH.—*Domestic and Social*—Prayer for parents and children, and the blessings of the Christian home; for employers and the employed; for all schools and colleges.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6TH.—*Christian Union*.—Thanksgiving for Christian union, and prayer for its increase; special supplication in behalf of the efforts of the *Evangelical Alliance* in this country, and for the Divine blessing on the assembly of Christians from all countries to be held in the autumn of this year in New York.