

courtesies accorded to him were a proper return for the great respect and kindness shown to the present Bishop of London on the occasion of the Czar's coronation, and to the Archbishop of York on his recent visit to Moscow. Many things have occurred lately to justify the warm welcome with which the Archbishop has been received everywhere, and it is gratifying to learn that the Archbishop himself has fully appreciated the kindly feeling shown to him, and has also been able to discern all that it implies. As a special delegate from a friendly country, he could not fail to meet with respectful attention. But as a dignitary of the Holy Russian Church, his visit was something more. It was the addition of yet another link to the chain which is, slowly yet surely, being forged to unite the English and Russian Churches in the bonds of the Gospel. It is quite true that no formal act of union has taken place, or is likely to take place for some time to come. But it is equally true that at present no more valuable work can be done for both Churches than the establishment of those friendly feelings between the leading men in each, which will prove to be ties, though light as air, yet strong as iron.

It is quite impossible that there should be much prayer in a life without that life being marked or altered by it. In the nature of things, it must be so, quite apart from the supernatural effects of prayer in the answers to petitions for grace and strength and holiness. Frequent

intercourse even with an earthly friend, if he be of a strong and marked character, quickly makes itself seen in its influence upon us. We grow more and more like those with whom we associate, and, especially if we admire and look up to them, we unconsciously imitate them. It is so no less in our intercourse with God. The more time we spend in His presence, seeking His face, and communing with Him in prayer, the more surely will godly graces and tempers spring up within us, and bear fruit in our lives. The more we love to meditate upon our perfect Example, and to hold converse with Him, the more assuredly will men be able to take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus. Do you know any one peculiarly Christ-like in character — meek and lowly in heart, pure, patient, loving, unselfish, calm, truthful, happy? Such an one has become what he is by prayer.

Is it too much to ask our people whose houses and gardens are at this season full of flowers, to spare a few for the Cathedral? There were none to be got for last Sunday.

#### JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY.

July 14.—William Rupert Rourke and Louise Nicols Burchill.

July 29.—John Reginald Drummond and Lizzie H. Stennick.

#### LAI D TO REST.

July 24th.—Emma Raymond Beek.