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DIVINE CHASTISEMENT.

"Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest Him out of Thy law."
Ps. XCIV. 12.

Could I have thought such grief as mine,
O'erwhelming sorrows, doubts and fears,
Could e'er with beams of gladness shine,
Or sweetness ming'le with my tears?

I knew that God, when He afflicts,
Is ever near to heal and bless;
But I have found my heavy grief
The channel of His tenderness.

My Father, God, in sorrow's hour,
From vain desires has turned my heart,
And by His Spirit has revealed
The joy His presence can impart.

He has disclosed my secret sins,
My hidden idols brought to light,
And made me hate the guilty things,
Which hid my Saviour from my sight.

Jesus Himself has then drawn near,
And brought sweet comfort from above;
Henceforth I count each trial dear—
The pledge and token of His love.

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

In every Christian country, union prayer meetings were held during the first week of the year. This is as it should be. We should take advantage of the advent of the year to solemnly re-dedicate ourselves to God, humbly confess our unworthiness and sins, and gratefully recognise the Divine goodness. It is, therefore, a delightful thought, that, confined by neither denominational lines, nor limited by national boundaries, the spirit of prayer has called together believers in all parts of Christendom, to make supplication to the only living and true God.

In our own land, from all that we can learn, the week of prayer was very generally observed,—the recent Conference of the Alliance, held in New York, no doubt giving an impulse to a duty that may have been but very