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## WHY I KNEEL IN CHURCH.

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I kneel as oft as I appear  
The sacred courts within ;  
I meet the King with holy fear—  
I, impotent, unclean !

I bow the head, I bend the knee  
When Jesus passeth by ;  
The Sovereign Lord of all is He,  
A helpless sinner, I.

I fall there prostrate in the dust,  
I cast me at His feet,  
I touch the hem with trembling trust  
His loving glance to meet.

I kneel—for in the sacred Word  
His kneeling saints I see ;  
Nay, in Gethsemane the Lord  
Kneels in His agony !

I kneel with Solomon, the wise,  
Low on the altar stair ;  
And with the faithful Daniel, thrice  
A day in humble prayer.

I kneel with David, when he sings :

“ O come, and let us fall  
And kneel before the King of Kings,  
The maker of us all !”

I kneel, a leper in the way,  
As down the mount He's seen  
Descending sweetly, “ Lord, I pray  
That Thou wouldst make me clean !”

I kneel with Paul beside the shore,  
With Peter on the sea ;  
I kneel with Stephen, too, who bore  
His death forgivingly.

Nay, low before the awful seat—  
So runs the holy tale—  
Cherub and seraph at His feet  
Their faces humbly veil !

Then, can you ask me why I kneel ?  
Oh, may He give us grace  
The knee to bend, the heart to feel,  
When in His holy place !

## THE ONLY TALENT.

“ God trusts to all  
Talents few or many ;  
None so young or small  
That they have not any.  
Though the great and wise  
Have a greater number,  
Yet my ONE I prize,  
And it must not slumber.”

The man who has learned to love  
the children he doesn't like is on the  
right road to heaven.