

## Prayer.

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Jesus, Son of Man, thou art the image of the invisible God whom with the angels we worship and acknowledge God equal with the Father and the Holy Ghost. We know not, neither do we understand; we walk in the darkness. God speaketh once, yea twice, but we perceive it not. The very light that is in us is darkness. Open thou our eyes. And turn us from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. In thy light may we see light. Illumine our path with the wondrous things of thy law and gospel. Give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. Let our knowledge grow to all riches of the full assurance of understanding. Let thy spirit of truth guide us unto all truth. Make our lives more evidently the image of the invisible Christ. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity. Let thy light illumine thy word and thy love inspire our humblest service that our faith may be that of the just that shineth unto the perfect day. Glorify us with thy blood, thy word, thy love, thy righteousness, thy truth, thy life, that in the end we may shine as the sun in the kingdom of our Father. Amen.—The Westminster (Philadelphia.)

## A Little Help-

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

There's help in seeming cheerful  
When a body's feeling blue,  
In looking calm and pleasant,  
If there's nothing else to do,  
If other folks are wearing,  
And things are all awry,  
Don't vex yourself with caring;  
'Twill be better by and by.  
There's help in keeping tally  
Of our host of happy days,  
There's never one that dawneth  
But it bringeth cause to praise  
The love that ever watcheth,  
The Friend that's ever near;  
So, though one tryst with sorrow,  
One needs must dwell with cheer.  
When troubles march to meet you,  
Salute them at the door;  
Extend both hands to greet them,  
Their worst will soon be o'er.  
Beat down their stormy bugles  
With your own rejoicing drums,  
And, mailed in lofty courage,  
Accept whatever comes.

—Youth's Companion.

## The Power of Home.

The New Testament, with its revelation of a loving, forgiving, redeeming God, gives to the parental and filial relations a power for righteousness not before realized in any religion. The child who sees his parent kneel, kneels not from force of imitative instinct, but because the religion he has been taught in the Gospel backs up the example of the parent by an appeal to his own better nature. And many a parent has been led by a child's hand to the foot of that cross before neglected if not despised. It is a gross mistake to suppose that the parent is the only priest. Many a good man consciously owes more to his babe in the cradle than to his pastor in the pulpit. The faith which is so native to the soul as yet uncontaminated by overt sin, appeals to him with a divine force. The prayer which is lisped by these infant lips moves him more profoundly than the most learned defence of Scriptures. And whoever will look critically at the family life as affected by the revelation made in Jesus Christ will find it to fulfil all that the prophet foretold, the Gospel giving life to family love as the dew refreshes the rose; and that family love giving sweetness to religion as the rose breathes perfume upon the drop hid in its heart.—Interior,

## Our Young People

## Sept. 11. Heaven.

## Some Bible Hints.

It may be translated, "In my Father's abiding place are many abiding-places" (John 14:2). A "mansion" is a place to "remain" in.

When nothing is disclosed to us about heaven, we may take it for granted that all is good. If it were not so, Christ would have told us (John 14:2).

Christ is always at work for His own. The only reason why He left this world was to make ready another and a better world for us (John 14:2).

The best possible definition of heaven is this: it is where Christ is (John 14:3).

## Suggestive Thoughts.

There is to be in heaven no more sea (Rev. 21:1) such as John saw from Patmos—a sea that meant loneliness and isolation; but there is to be a sea of glass (Rev. 15:2) over which God's redeemed may walk in safety to their own.

When God wipes away tears, he wipes away weeping forevermore (Rev. 21:4).

Everything is made new in heaven (Rev. 21:5), but the good old things are all there—only made new.

In thinking of the possibilities of heaven, do not forget that one of the possibilities is—no heaven (Rev. 21:8).

## A Few Illustrations.

No two persons see the same landscape, and no two persons will have the same heaven.

There is a drawing tool, with two arms so fastened together that while the one arm passes over a small design, the other is drawing it enlarged. So Christ in heaven is preparing for us a great place, such as our little lives on earth allow Him to prepare.

As all the light of earth comes from outside the earth, so all the joy of this life is only a reflection from the life to come.

If we are going to Germany, we learn the German language. If we expect to reach heaven, let us be practising the language of heaven.

## To Think About.

Is my life every day a preparation for heaven?

Am I really looking forward to heaven with longing?

Am I sure of heaven? Have I made Christ my own?

## A Cluster of Quotations.

And flows forever through heaven's green expansions,  
The river of thy peace.—Whittier.

Musical motion, the perpetual play  
Of every faculty that heaven bestows,  
Through the bright, busy and eternal day.  
—T. W. Parsons.

A receding earth means an approaching heaven.—Joseph Parker.

Heaven is but to-day  
Made lovely with to-morrow's face for aye  
—Barton.

## Be Prompt.

Lack of promptness in opening the meeting usually means disorder. It always means depression.

Lack of promptness in reaching the meeting disturbs fifty persons for the sake of the sloth of one.

Lack of promptness in taking part speaks

of cold hearts and unready tongues, and out-talks the rest of the testimonies.

Lack of promptness in finding the place in the song-book means a feeble beginning of the song.

Lack of promptness in responding to a request of the leader leads him to lose his grip on the meeting, and to think himself a failure.

Lack of promptness in closing the meeting when the time comes changes what might have been a triumphant conclusion into a frayed out ending.

If your society work drags, very likely the difficulty is spelled in five syllables—*procrastination*.

See if I am not right.

## Daily Readings.

- M., Sept. 5. In God's habitation. 1 Kings 8: 27-30.  
T., " 6. The home of the saints. Isa. 51: 9-11.  
W., " 7. For the pure only. Rev. 7:13-17.  
T., " 8. Our treasures there. Matt. 6: 19-21.  
F., " 9. A place of blessedness. Matt. 25:34-40.  
S., " 10. Beyond description. 1 Cor. 2: 6-10.  
Sun. " 11. Topic—What the Bible teaches about heaven. John 14:1-3; Rev. 21:1-8.

## Taking Care of Them Himself.

"Yes'm, she's pretty well, mother is," said the old man, pausing with his face on the wagon wheel to answer an inquiry concerning his wife; "pretty well, if only 'twasn't for worryin' about the children. 'Lizabeth's up to Conway this season, and mother's all the time afraid she'll be took sick away from home. Sammel's got a good place at Tanfield, and he's doin' well, too, but his boardin' place is across the river. Sometimes he goes by ferry-boat and sometimes he goes by skiff, and mother she can't get over the feelin' that he's likely to be drowned. The two younger ones is home yet, but she says she's anxious about the time John'll be wantin' to strike out for himself, and she's always been afraid we'd never raise Carl-ine."

"No'm, there's nothin' special the matter with any of 'em now, and the truck garden has done fine this year. Mother hain't had a touch of her rheumatism all summer, and she'd be pretty well off if 'twasn't for worryin'. Christian? Bless you, yes, this forty year! She ain't afraid but what the Lord will take care of her and all the rest of the world, but seems like she ain't got faith yet to believe He's to be trusted with the children."—Wellspring.

## Have You?

Have you ever thought that some day you will never have anything to try you or anybody to vex you again? There will be no opportunity in that happy realm to learn or to show the spirit of patience, forbearance and long-suffering. If you are ever to learn these things, you must learn them now, and oh, when you shall see those glorious jewels shining in some one else's crown, which were formed out of tears of sorrow and drops of blood, what would you not give to be able to live your life over again and win the recompense which can only come from trial and suffering?—Mathew Simpson.