

vice we spent a short season with Mr. Noel. We expressed to him the satisfaction we had enjoyed so fully in being permitted to unite thus with brethren; but we thought it strange, being Presbyterians. *'Why, sir, our Baptist brethren in America must be very bigoted.'* *'But,'* I replied, *'is this open sentiment general with you; how is it throughout all England?'* *'Why, sir, it is getting to be general, if it is not so already. It is so in all our large towns. Perhaps there are some places in the country, where they are a little independent and high-minded; but we welcome all who love the Saviour.'*"

PRAYER.

What Christian has not realized the consolation of prayer, when, wearied with the cares and vexations of life, beset by temptations within and without, we find rest and strength at the foot of the cross. When earthly sorrows press heavily upon us, or death lays his pale hand upon some idol we have shrined within our hearts and worshipped, we find in humble prayer alone "that peace which passeth all understanding, and which the world can neither give nor take away." In proportion to the growth of religion in the heart is manifested a spirit of prayer. When the fire of heavenly love burns brightest on its hidden altar; when the world, with its pleasures and allurements, pales before the brightness of that hope to which the soul is anchored, and which "entereth within the veil," revealing the "glories which our Father has prepared for those who love him;" then it is that the closet, the sanctuary of prayer, is best loved, and most frequented.

But when love to God and zeal for the promotion of His cause becomes swallowed up in business or pleasure, the family altar is broken down, the closet is seldom entered, and prayer has become a burden.

As with the individual, so with the Church. When she stands forth in her brightness and beauty, as a light unto the world, "fair as the sun, pure as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners;" zealous to do her Master's work; laboring day and night without ceasing, to bring "those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death" unto the "marvellous light of the gospel of Christ Jesus;" then her prayer-circles are filled to overflowing, and the voice of supplication is heard in her midst; when that voice ceases, and that prayer-room is silent, the