

to be much alone with God? Is it not our highest privilege to approach frequently the presence of the Holy One? We get, there, strength for conflict, light on the path of duty, and power for the performance of God's work.

Have we not often found our faith strengthened, our burdens lightened, our joys increased, our hopes made brighter, and truer earnestness of purpose given unto us after being thus engaged? God is ever near to each one of us.

Do we not need a deeper realization of this truth than we often have? He sees the desire of each seeking heart. He hears the unuttered prayer. Let it be ours, then, to desire more frequent communion with Him. It will elevate our conceptions of His character; it will increase our love to Him; it will intensify our zeal for His glory; it will make smaller things more real to us; and enable us more faithfully to perform life's duties. Our desire to be like Him will grow stronger by more frequent communion with Him. Our affections will be purified, and our daily intercourse rendered more pleasant and profitable by having God more frequently in our thoughts. Being often in silence before Him, and in speech to Him, will chasten our spirits, subdue our wills, and make life more real to each of us. It will do much to fit us for His service here, and for His glory hereafter.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The 2nd meeting was held at the usual place on Friday, November 12th.

During past years the Society made it a special object to do work, during the winter, in fields lying outside of the city, but has decided to turn the attention of its members to work in the city.

Thanks are due to the city churches that united in giving something like \$175 to aid the Society in doing mission work last year, and the hope is cherished that the giving will be even more liberal this year for two reasons. *First*, owing to the nature of the fields worked by the Society's missionaries last summer, the treasurer's books show a debt of \$480; *Second*, because the Society is making strenuous efforts to commence a work that must be ultimately of the most successful character.

At the last meeting a committee was appointed to search the city for a suitable place, in which to hold evangelistic meetings. Thus far the effort has failed; but those engaged in the work will not weary in well-doing, but continue to look for an opening.

Mr. McDougall obtained admission for the Society to the House of Refuge, and services are held there regularly every Sabbath afternoon.