

the Spirit of Grace.' But yet, it is only through Baptism and membership in His Church, that God offers salvation to man, so that it is really a more dangerous error for any to trust in their own faith apart from the ordinances of God, than it can be to place even an undue reliance upon the ordinances themselves."—*Old Church Path.*

ATTEND YOUR CHURCH.

When members of the church unnecessarily absent themselves from public worship; they do a two-fold wrong. They deprive themselves of that which the soul needs, and they set a bad example that may result in injury to others. The argument by which they usually seek to justify their fault is fallacious. If it is possible to be saved, notwithstanding occasional or even frequent absence from the place where the Gospel is preached and prayer is wont to be made, it is dangerous to depend upon such possibilities in a matter so vital. Those who are heartily concerned about their salvation, and accordingly heed the Lord's command to watch and pray and give diligence to make their election sure, will not be willing to incur unnecessary risks. They know that they need the nourishment which the preached Word furnishes, and they desire the comfort which is found in the worship of the sanctuary. Absence from worship without urgent cause is a sign that the heart is not intent as it should be upon the one thing needful, and there is great danger that the evil will grow upon us and prove our ruin. For the sake of our own souls as well as for the love of others we should

not neglect the assembling of ourselves together.—*Selected.*

LIGHT IN A DARK PLACE; LET IT SHINE!

If every settler in a new country would carry his Bible and Prayer-Book with him, and manifest his estimation of those heavenly treasures by a daily use of them, especially on the Lord's Day, without any hankering after strange pastures, the wilderness would soon, in a moral sense, "bud and blossom as the rose." Let every Church family behave consistently with their high privileges in possessing the word of God and a primitive liturgy, and adorn their faith by a holy and obedient life, and, till public churches are provided, let them and their children gather round their domestic altars and go through all they are allowed to use, both of reading the Holy Scriptures as they are appointed, praising God in the Psalms, and supplicating His grace in the prayers,—let this be done, not occasionally, but constantly, as the blessed Sunday returns from Advent to Advent again, through all the changing scenes and services of the ecclesiastical year,—and no fear of God's failing to bless their endeavors to their own and their neighbors' benefit.

As Abraham "gained souls in Haran" by the exercise of his steady faith, even so Churchmen, by continuing to "walk in all of the commandments and ordinances of God blameless," would "let their light so shine before men that they seeing their good works, would glorify their Father which is in heaven."