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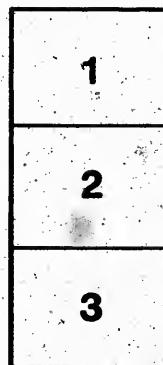
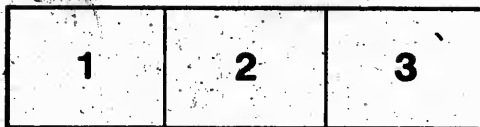
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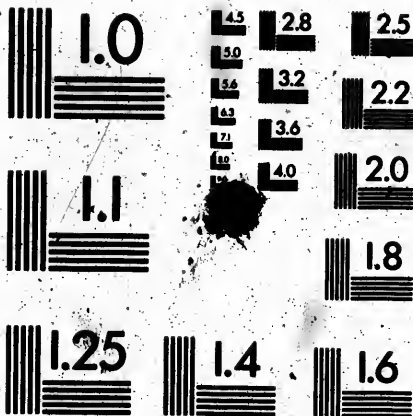
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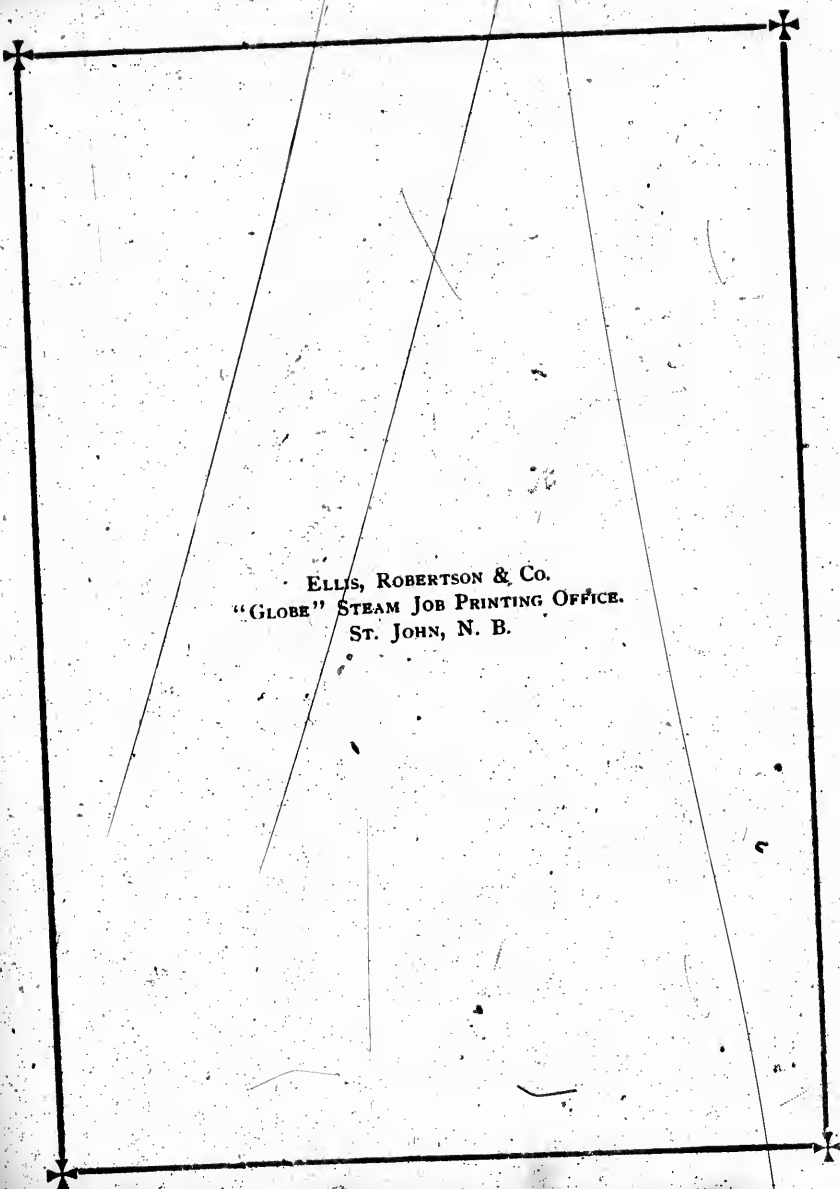
FIFTH ANNUAL ISSUE.

Six Branches
OF THE
Missionary Work of the Church,
SET FORTH AS
Subjects for Meditation
DURING
The Week of Intercession for Missions,
1878.

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IN pursuance of a plan adopted in former years, and which has met with very general acceptance, we again issue for the Week of Intercession, on behalf of the Missionary Work of the Church, Subjects for meditation and prayer. It has been our aim in the following pages to draw attention to the needs of the different countries as gathered from their current history; and therein to find topics for prayer. The prayers prepared for use include in part these topics, and in part only; it being thought unadvisable so to lengthen the prayers as to comprehend in any fulness all that is suggested should be prayed for. It is, however, hoped that with many the prayers may be so expanded as that special and particular supplication shall be made for each want. In the attempt to cover so wide an area as the world, we are aware that much is omitted that deserves attention, but we trust that the meditations are sufficiently suggestive, and prayers sufficiently comprehensive, to include all that is of special importance. May the Great Head of the Church approve this humble effort, and grant it His blessing.

F. H. J. B.
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*Saint John, New Brunswick,
All Saints' Day, 1878.*

S. Andrew's Day
Saturday, November 30.

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GENERAL
INTERCESSION FOR MISSIONS.
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1. For Gentiles, Jews, and Mahommedans.
2. For an increase of faithful Pastors.
3. For an increase of Missionary zeal throughout the Church, and wisdom to direct it.
4. For all Bishops, Clergy, and Members of the Church, that they may endeavour to keep the unity of the SPIRIT.
5. That in GOD's good time all Chistians may be made perfect in One, and that the world may acknowledge the mission of the SON OF GOD, and know the love of GOD.
6. For the spiritual support of isolated Christians and Congregations.
7. For Sailors.
8. For all unbelievers.

"Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" — *1 Chronicles XXIX. 5.*

Read *Psalm II. Psalm LXVII. Psalm LXXII. 8-12.*

S. Andrew's Day.

Prayer for the Missions of the Church

O MOST BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who camest into the world that the world through Thee might be saved; Who didst appoint a succession of men to preach and teach Thy Word, and administer Thy Sacraments; inspire, we pray Thee, the Bishops, Pastors, Evangelists, and Teachers of Thy Church with Thy HOLY SPIRIT; increase the number of faithful labourers in that field which is the world, and fill them with zeal for Thy glory, and for the salvation of souls. Vouchsafe Thine especial aid to those who labour, whether singly or in communities, for the instruction of the heathen and unconverted; and grant to all Thy people, and especially to all Missionary Societies, the grace of grateful, liberal, wise, and loving hearts, that aiding in this holy work according to Thy will, our prayers and alms may come up for a memorial before Thee, and be accepted in Thy sight for the propagation of Thy Gospel, and the furtherance of Thy Kingdom, to the end that the whole earth may be filled with the knowledge of God; through Thy merits and mediation, Who, with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, livest and reignest one GOD, now and for evermore. Amen.

First Sunday in Advent.
December 1.

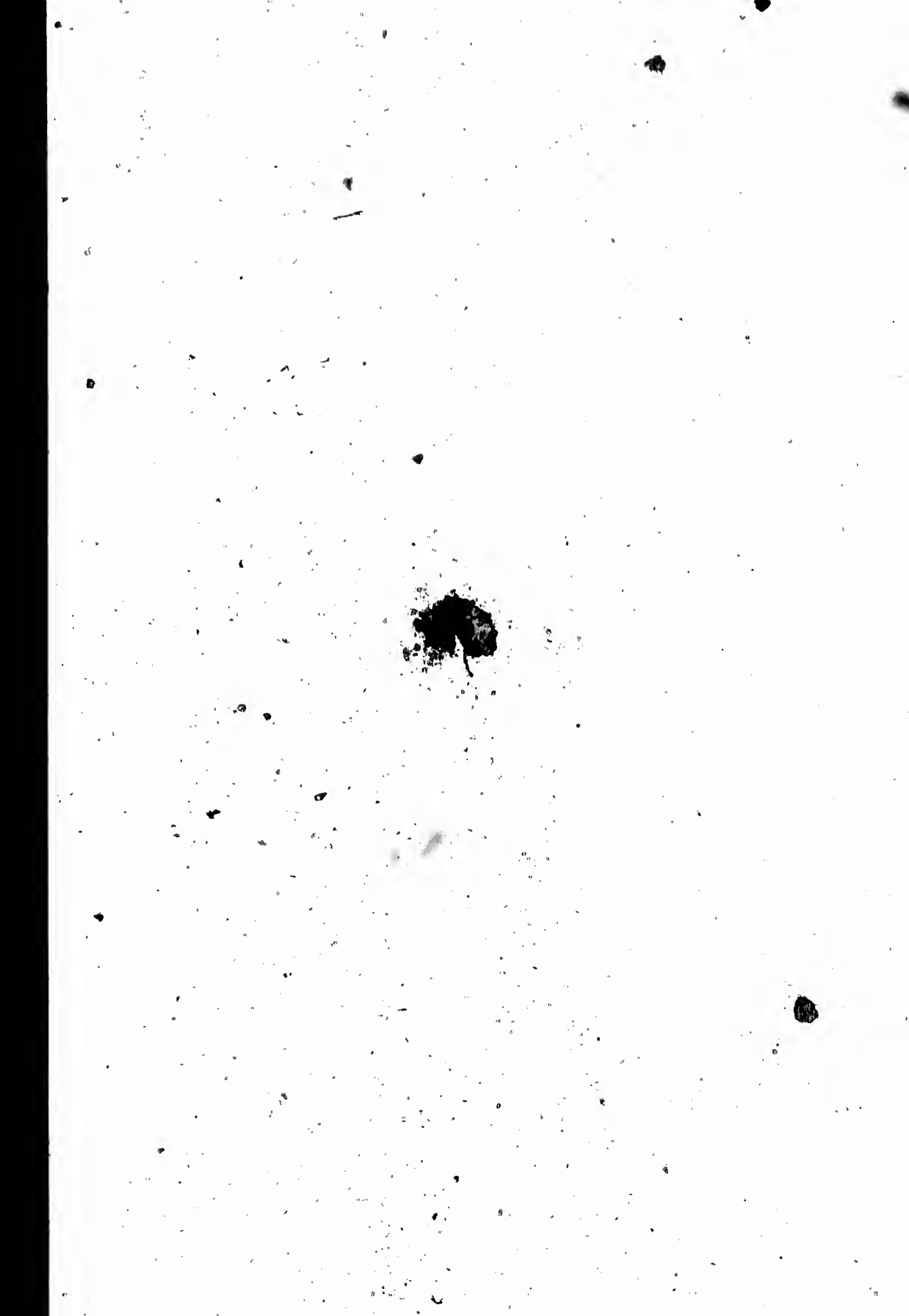
ENGLAND.

1. That she rightly use her power and influence in the world for bearing witness to the truth.
That a lasting peace may be maintained and religious toleration secured to the Christian subjects of the Porte.
2. For all Missionary Associations.
3. That the noblest of her sons and daughters may devote themselves to Missionary work.
4. That all party spirit and discord may be abolished.
5. That she may be delivered from the national sins of pride, covetousness, and intemperance.
6. That the members of the Church may maintain a deeper spirit of watchfulness for our LORD'S second coming.

Read *S. Matthew*, xxv. 1-14. *S. John*, xvii, 20-21. *1 S. Peter* ii. 9-18.

Prayer for the Church

○ GOD, the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, we beseech Thee to be favourable and gracious to that branch of the Catholic Church which Thou hast planted in England. Look down from Heaven and visit this branch of the Vine that Thou hast made so strong for Thyself. Protect her against all her adversaries: Suffer neither superstition nor profaneness to pollute her holy worship. Deck her Priests with righteousness, and let her saints rejoice and sing. May she never lack a full supply of faithful men to do Thee service, and may she continue to the end of time an instrument in Thy hand to make known Thy truth among the nations. Bless the kingdom at large, that true religion may leaven all sorts and conditions of men. Grant it peace within its walls and plenteousness within its palaces. Root out the sins of unbelief, intemperance, covetousness, and pride. May all classes be united in the holy bond of Christian fellowship, and strive together for the faith of the Gospel, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.



Monday, December 2.

AMERICA.

1. For the Fifteen Dioceses of British North America.
2. For the Forty-nine Dioceses of the Church in the United States.
3. For the Nine Missionary Bishops in Nebraska, Montana, Oregon, Nevada, Arkansas, Colorado, Northern Texas, Western Texas, and Northern California.
4. That Apostolic faith and order may spread throughout the continent.
5. That the members of the Church in Mexico may be steadfast in the Faith.
6. For the five millions of coloured people in the United States.
7. That the Indian tribes may be converted.
8. That Emigrants from Europe and China may be converted and flow into the Communion of the Church.
9. That the visitation of the Plague of Yellow Fever in the Southern States may be sanctified to the good of the whole nation, humbling their hearts and binding them in sympathy one with another.

Read *S. Matthew* ix. 35 to end. *S. Luke* xiv. 21-24. *S. Luke* xv. 3-11.

Prayer for America

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, by Whose SPIRIT the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church in this land, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee. Remember with pity those who, seeking a home in this country, are deprived of the means of grace. Grant that faithful clergy may be given them, who shall train the young, instruct the heathen, and win the hardened. Enlarge the borders of Thy Church that it may cover the land, and perfect Thy saints to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Have mercy on those afflicted by Thy visitation in the Southern States. Comfort the bereaved and desolate, and sanctify this trial to the good of the whole nation, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Tuesday, December 3.

WEST INDIES.

1. For the five Bishops and their people.
2. For the growth of the coloured races in Christian truth, pure morality, and habits of industry.
3. That the stability and growth of the Church be not retarded by disendowment.
4. For the Church in the Republic of Haiti, that it may flourish and abound through the island.

Read *Isaiah* XLII. 10-13. *Isaiah* LX.

Prayer for the West Indies

GRACIOUS FATHER, we humbly beseech Thee for the Church in the West Indies. Fill it with all truth; cleanse it from all impurity; preserve it from all error, and strengthen what is good. Open the hearts of the faithful to sustain it by their alms, and grant that its power may not decline through lack of support. Give an abundant blessing to the Church in Haiti, and may she be successful in spreading the Faith in the fulness of its power: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Wednesday, December 4.

AFRICA.

1. For the Bishops: two in the West; seven in the South; one in the East; three in the islands adjacent, with all people—Christian and heathen—within their Dioceses.
2. That the Churches may be multiplied and built up, that from them the Gospel may go forth into all parts of Central Africa, and with it purity, mercy, peace, civilization, and industry.
3. That slavery may be entirely abolished.
4. That kings and chiefs may co-operate in the advancement of CHRIST'S kingdom.
5. That the Missionary work in Zululand may not be permanently endangered by war and threats of violence, and that a devoted Bishop may be speedily appointed, under whom the work, now much hindered, may be resumed.
6. That the demands for teachers from all parts of Madagascar may meet with a speedy response.
7. That the life of the Ancient Christian Churches in Northern Africa may be rekindled.

Read *Psalm* XLVI. *Psalm* XLVII. *Psalm* LXVIII. 31-32.

Prayer for Africa.

○ THOU great LORD of the Harvest, we pray Thee for Thy servants who are sent forth to gather in the harvest of souls in Africa. Be Thou LORD ever with them: guard them from the arrow that flieth by day, and the pestilence that walketh in darkness. Succour them in all perils: comfort them in all sickness, and uphold them in all weariness and disappointment. Have mercy on all in ignorance and error, and be graciously pleased to deliver the people not only from the chains of slavery, but also from the bonds of corruption, and let them enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of GOD. Remove, we beseech Thee, the clouds of darkness which have so long hung over that benighted land, and may the Sun of Righteousness shine with full power upon it. We ask all in the Name and through the mediation of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Thursday, December 5.

ASIA

INDIA

1. For the eight Bishops and Clergy in India and Ceylon, and all the people under their care.
2. That our fellow-countrymen may, by their lives, adorn the doctrine of CHRIST, and not prove a stumbling-block to the heathen around them.
3. For the conversion of Hindoos, Buddhists, Parsees, and Mahommedans, and other unbelievers.
4. That those who are casting away their idolatry may be led to accept the Gospel in its fulness.
5. For a supply of faithful and wise labourers to gather in the harvest in Tinnevely.
6. For additional clergymen and native teachers for the instruction of thirteen hundred newly baptized natives in Ahmednuggar.
7. That the women of India may be raised from their degraded condition, and be placed in the position which GOD has assigned them.
That Christian women may devote themselves to carry on this work.

CHINA AND JAPAN

8. For a spiritual harvest from the famine in China.
9. That the national reverence for learning on the part of the Chinese may be turned to the highest account.
For the protection of Missionaries, and the overthrow of the powers of darkness.

SYRIA

10. That the ancient Churches in Palestine and the East may be delivered from their oppressed condition.

Read *Isaiah* LXVI. 10 to end. *Zechariah* x. *Ephesians* II. xi to end.

Prayer for Asia.

O GOD, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send Thy SON to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh, grant that all the heathen in the East may seek after Thee and find Thee. Let the day of Thy power come speedily when the hearts which now seem most obstinate in error shall be subdued to the Gospel of CHRIST. Deliver the people from all false religions, and bring them to the light of Thy truth. Restore again the golden candlestick which Thou hast removed, and cause it to burn with so pure a light that it may enlighten the lands which were Thy heritage of old, and penetrate among the people who now lie in the darkness of Mahomedanism. Bless the efforts of those who are ministering to the women in the East, and bring the young to a true knowledge of things Divine. Hear us, O FATHER, for the sake of Thine only SON, JESUS CHRIST, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Friday, December 6.

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
AND THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC.

1. For the nineteen Bishops, clergy, and people. That the Gospel may come in power to each Diocese, and bear fruit to the glory of GOD.
2. That the Bishop of Ballarat may be able to take advantage of existing openings in his newly formed Diocese.
3. For additional clergy in New Zealand to labour among the emigrants that are pouring in from Great Britain.
4. For the Melanesian Mission: that the heathen may be gathered into the fold of CHRIST, and that the example of their martyr Bishop may never be forgotten.
5. That the Church in Honolulu be not retarded in the work through want of men and friends, and that Hawaiians be purified according to the requirements of the heavenly life. That the old Paganism may not re-assert its dominion.

Read *Jeremiah xxxi. 10-15.* *Ephesians iii.*

Prayer

For Australia, New Zealand, and the Islands of the Pacific.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who hast commanded us by Thy Apostles to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and as we have each received Thy gift so to minister the same one to another: grant to all who are baptized in Thy Holy Name, and especially to those who dwell in Australia, New Zealand, and the Islands of the Pacific, that they may show forth Thy praise day by day. Preserve them, we beseech Thee, from the sin of offending Thy little ones who believe in Thee, and from causing Thy Word to be blasphemed. Prepare fit men to become Thy ambassadors; support and encourage those who are sent to the scattered members of the Household of Faith. Make them as salt of the earth and as a light in the world, that so, beholding their good works and won by their holy life, the multitude of the isles may be turned to Thy Truth, to glorify Thee in the Day of Visitation. Who art our SAVIOUR and our GOD, blessed for ever. Amen.

Saturday, December 7.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

1. For the increase of the Episcopate in India.
2. For the spiritual fruit that has resulted from the famine in South India.
3. For the success which has attended the Church's work in Guiana, Madagascar, Tinnevely, and Ahmednuggar.
4. For what GOD wrought through His servant Bishop Selwyn.
5. For the translation of the Holy Scriptures and Book of Common Prayer into divers languages.
6. For the generous endowments of the Diocese of Newcastle (Australia) by its Bishop and laity.
7. For the continued blessing given to Missionary labours.

"And for all they were so many, yet was not the net broken."— *11 S. John* XXI.

Thanksgiving

For the knowledge and progress of the Gospel of the Kingdom

To be used daily in private and household devotions.

THOU art worthy, O LORD, to receive power,
And riches, and wisdom, and strength,
And honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessed be Thy glorious Name,
That Thy word has sounded forth,
Not only in Jerusalem, and Antioch,
In Athens, and in Rome,
But in every place the faith of CHRIST
Is spread abroad.

All glory be to Thee.

For Thy good soldiers in every age,
Striving lawfully, enduring unto the end,
For the wisdom of doctors,
The zeal of evangelists,
The eloquence of prophets,
The love of pastors,
For the praise of babes, the ministry of women,
The purity of the young, the fervour of the aged,
For all the signs of Thy presence,
All the marks of Thy Cross,

All glory be to Thee.

For the light of Thy everlasting Gospel,
Sent to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
Shining so long amongst ourselves,
For Thy Church, the pillar and ground of the truth,
Against which the gates of hell have not prevailed;
For Thy gracious word of promise,
That they that be wise shall shine
As the brightness of the firmament,
And they that turn many to righteousness
As the stars for ever and ever,

All praise, all glory be unto Thee.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
Long suffering, and of great goodness.
The LORD is loving unto every man,
And His mercy is over all His works.
All Thy works praise Thee, O LORD,
And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.
They show the glory of Thy kingdom,

And talk of Thy power,
That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom
Might be known unto men:
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

All glory be to Thee.

Great and marvellous are Thy works,
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY;
Just and true are Thy ways,
Thou King of saints.
Who shall not fear Thee, O LORD, and glorify Thy Name?
For Thou only art holy;
For all nations shall come and worship before Thee;
For Thy judgments are made manifest.

All glory be to Thee.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude,
Which no man could number,
Of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,
Stood before the throne, and before the LAMB,
Clothed in white robes,
And palms in their hands,
And cried with a loud voice, saying,
Salvation to our GOD, which sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the LAMB,
Hallelujah!
For the LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT reigneth.

For Missionary Meetings, and for Private and
Household Devotions.

○ GOD the FATHER, Who hast made all men, and wouldest
have all to be saved and come to the knowledge of Thy
truth,
Have mercy upon all.

○ GOD the SON, Who gavest Thy life a ransom for all,
Have mercy upon all.

○ GOD the HOLY GHOST, Who art the LORD and Giver of life,
Have mercy upon all.

○ Holy, Blessed, and Glorious TRINITY, in Whose Name
Thy servants are sent forth to preach and to baptize,
Have mercy upon all.

From lukewarmness in Thy work, and from weariness in
Thy service,
Good LORD deliver us.

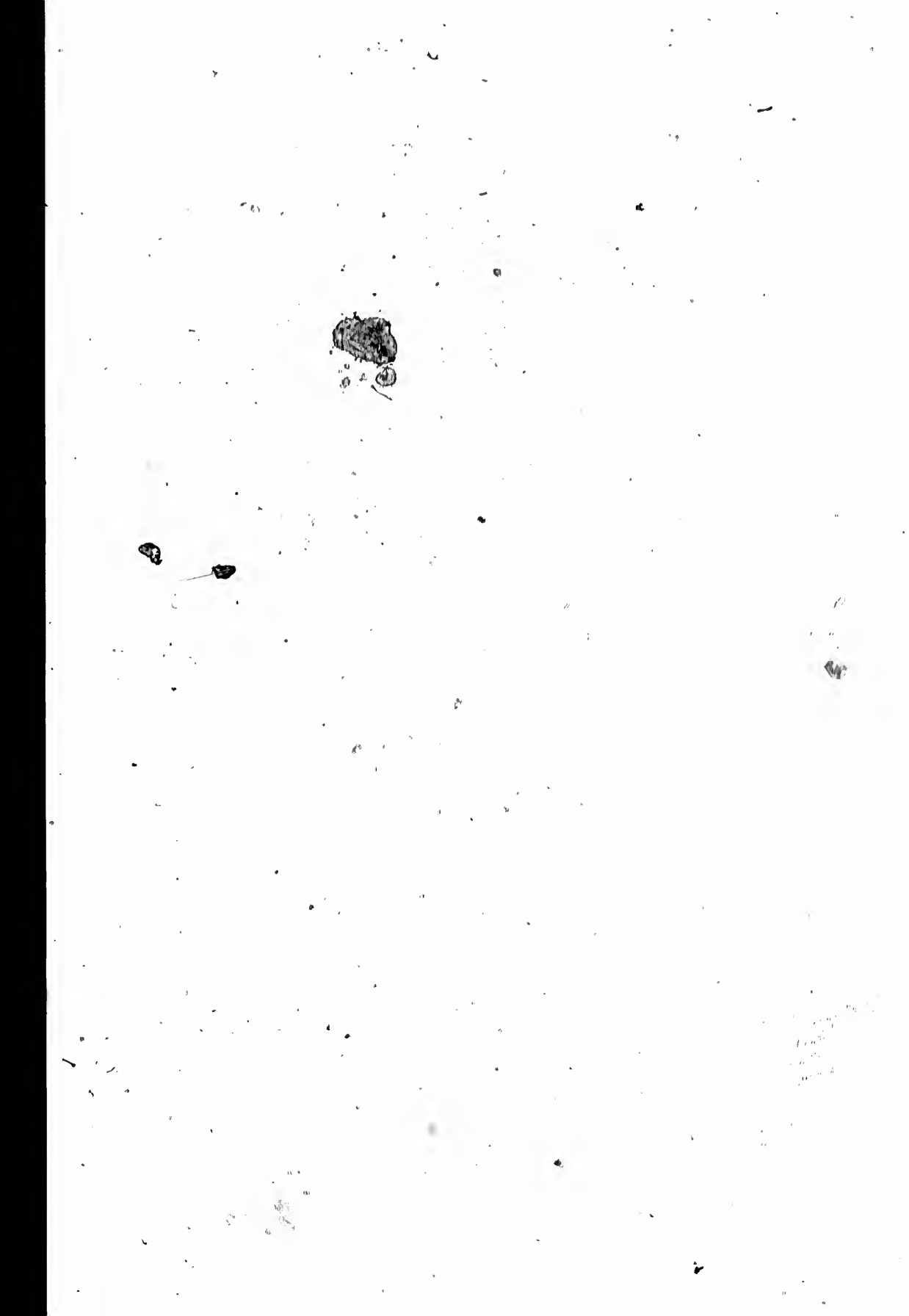
From deafness to Thy calls, from coldness and indifference
to the salvation of others,
Good LORD deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD; and
that it may please Thee to make Thy way known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That Thou wouldest revive the energies of Thy Church in
all lands,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That Thou wouldest put into her heart to give the best and
noblest of her sons and daughters,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee, O LORD of the harvest, to send
forth labourers into Thine harvest,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.



That it may please Thee to preserve them in all perils by land and by water, to protect them from the craft and violence of evil spirits, and from the opposition of ungodly men,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to further them in their success, to sustain them in their faintness, to cheer them in their loneliness, and to be with them in all their ways,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to constrain them by Thy love, to animate them with zeal and devotion, and to give them a right judgment in all things,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to open to them everywhere a great door and effectual, that Thy Word may have free course and be glorified,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to enlighten the ignorant, to convert the unbelievers, and to convince the gainsayers,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to convert the Mahomedans, Buddhists, Hindoos, and all heathens, and to gather them into the fellowship of Thy Holy Gospel,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee by the power of Thy good SPIRIT to bring them out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to bring Thine ancient people the Jews into the fold of Thy Church.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to confirm and strengthen with the fulness of Thy grace all converts to the faith, giving them perseverance unto the end.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to pardon the sins of Christians in heathen lands, and to make them examples of holy living to those among whom they dwell,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to keep in Thy faith all Christian people who are far removed from the ministrations of Thy Church,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to heal our unhappy divisions, and to make all that call themselves by Thy Name to be of one fold under Thyself the One SHEPHERD.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

SON OF GOD: we beseech Thee to hear us,

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O LAMB OF GOD: that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

O LAMB OF GOD: that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us,

CHRIST, have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

O GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

Revive Thy work, O LORD, in the midst of the years.

Give Thy SON the heathen for His inheritance,

And the utmost parts of the earth for His possession.

Let all nations whom Thou hast made

Come and worship Thee, O LORD, and glorify Thy Name.

When Thy breath goeth forth they shall be made,

And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let Thy Name be great among the heathen, O LORD of Hosts,

And in every place let incense be offered to Thy Name, and a pure offering.

Show Thy servants Thy work,

And their children Thy glory.

Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us:

O prosper Thou our handiwork.

The LORD'S Name be praised,

From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

○ LORD JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOUR of mankind, Who hast commanded Thy disciples to go into all the world and to preach the Gospell to every creature, and Who hast declared that this Gospel of the kingdom shall first be preached to all nations, and that then the end shall come; we humbly beseech Thee to raise up men full of faith and of the HOLY GHOST, and send them forth to do the work of Evangelists by spreading abroad the glad tidings of salvation; and so to fill us with Thy love, and to quicken us with Thy grace, that we may labour joyfully with them by prayers and offerings for their work; so that finally, at Thy second coming to judge the world, we, together with them and with those who have received the Gospel at their hands, may rejoice in Thy presence with exceeding joy, and may praise Thee for evermore, our holy and most merciful REDEEMER, our most worthy JUDGE ETERNAL, our most mighty LORD and GOD, to Whom, with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, be all honour and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

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NOW unto HIM that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto HIM be glory in the Church by JESUS throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

