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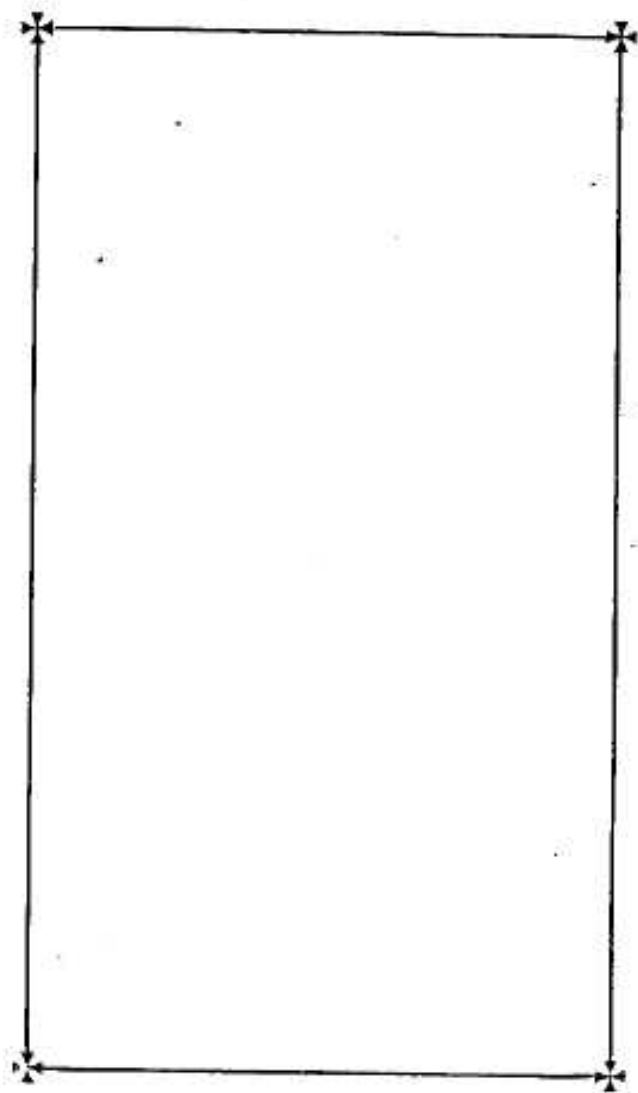
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A few prayers of one whose prayers were consolation and strength to many are offered to those whose hearts have been uplifted by them as they fell from the lips of their minister and friend, and to others who may by them be helped to draw nearer to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MAY, 1886.



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I.

O THOU Almighty Helper and ever-present God, we bring to Thee all our needs, and here in Thy presence we would bear one another's burdens upon hearts of prayer. O Thou Author of all good, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, may Thy mercies be our daily song, and may the light of Thy countenance in this world of power and beauty move our hearts to great thankfulness and a sweet trust. Day by day Thou dost appoint our portion, especially revealing Thy glory in the dear Son of

Thy love, and calling us into His Kingdom of service and blessedness. May this be our love of Thee in Him, that we love one another and keep all His commandments.

II.

WE bow before Thee, O Thou adorable and ever-blessed God. All Thy works and all Thy ways reveal Thee, and in Thy Son we see Thee face to face, and Thy Spirit beareth witness unto our spirits. Thanks be unto Thee for the great Love with which Thou art loving us. Forgive our sins. Pity our weakness. Succor us in our infirmities. Lift us above worldliness. Change and renew our hearts. Give us more faith, hope, charity. Add unto the Heavenly Kingdom what

Thou seest to be best. May we cast upon Thee every care. May we discharge as for the love of Christ every duty. May we not seek our own. May we not rejoice in iniquity. May we preach in deed and in word the glad tidings of the Gospel. O Lord, sanctify for us all earthly works and joys and trials. Open our eyes to see the sins that are done and the miseries that are endured all about us. Make us workers with Thee and with Thy Christ in the Gospel of Love and Holiness. Bless our dear friends, near and afar off. Speak comfortable words to the sick and afflicted, and to all Thy people. Show Thyself gracious unto all, that the mystery of sin and evil may be resolved in the light of the glorious Gospel of the Son of God. Amen.