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TO
H. BOLINGBROKE, Esq.,
Of Hartford.

MY DEAR SIR,

The following Prayers, some of which were heard by you and met with your approval, I have here, in compliance with your expressed wishes, committed to the press—and remain,

With affectionate regard,

Your faithful and obliged Friend,

THOMAS MADGE.

HIGHBURY TERRACE,

August 15, 1866.

PRAYERS.

First Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O LORD our God, who hast given us understandings to know and hearts to love thee, fulfil now thy gracious promise to draw nigh unto all them who draw nigh unto thee. The heavens are thine; the earth also is thine. We ourselves are thy children, and all our means of happiness are the gifts of thy paternal goodness. Thou carest for all, and thou blessest all. To thee, therefore, may we at all times look up for grace to help and mercy to forgive. Knowing how feeble and frail we are, we need light and strength from on high to guard and defend us. O, give us, we beseech thee,

a sacred sense of duty to shield us in the conflicts of mortality, and to save our souls from sin and death. As members of one family and disciples of one Saviour, may we unite together in worshiping thee as our Father in heaven. "Make us of one heart and one mind, filled with one sorrow for sin, one prayer for thy blessing, one hope in thy mercy, and one desire for a holier and happier life."*

On this day, which reminds us of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, may we call to our grateful remembrance the privileges which we enjoy as his disciples. May we account it a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And may all who profess and call themselves Christians, hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Direct the minds of the inquiring, confirm the faith of the wavering, relieve the doubts of

* Prayers by Travers Madge.

the anxious, and give us all a well-grounded hope in the promises of the life to come. And now, O God, bring us, we beseech thee, to the close of this day in the enjoyment of that peace which the world cannot give or take away. Hear us, for thy mercy's sake, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

GRACIOUS LORD our God, the Creator and Governor of the world, we thank thee that whilst thou hast placed our lot in this life, thou hast not left us without hope of another and a better. We adore and bless thee for the gift of thy Son Jesus Christ, by whose gospel we are fully instructed in all things necessary for our peace and happiness. We thank thee for the pardon of our sins, for the guidance of thy providence, for the consolations of thy word, and for all the means of grace with which

thou hast been pleased to entrust us. Make us watchful over ourselves, moderate in our enjoyments, and ready to impart to others of the good which we have received from thee. Bless to us the events of thy providence, and so order all things, during the remainder of our lives, that they may tend to our true and eternal interests. Whatever may be the vicissitudes which are permitted to befall us, may we consider them as coming from thy hands, and subservient to thy wise and gracious purposes. Strengthen our faith in the promises of the gospel, and give us peace and joy in believing. We pray for thy blessing on our relations and friends, and grant that we and they may be of one heart and one mind, loving each other as brethren, and uniting together in promoting, as far as in us lies, the spiritual and eternal welfare of our fellow-men. To thy holy keeping and care we would now commit ourselves. May thy blessing rest upon us, and may we rise up and lie down at peace with

thee, and under a constant sense of thy presence with us. In the name of Jesus Christ we present unto thee these our prayers and thanksgivings. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

O God, the Maker of all things, whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve, we bless and praise thy holy name that thou hast watched over us during the past night, refreshed us with grateful slumbers, and opened our eyes on the light of another day. All the blessings we enjoy, or have enjoyed, come down from thee, the bountiful Giver of all good. Accept, we beseech thee, our humble and hearty thanks for the care and guidance of thy wise and merciful providence. In all the engagements and in all the vicissitudes of life, may it be our first and chief concern to render ourselves approved in thy sight, and thus to lay up for ourselves a good