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TO ETHEL

By Walter Phelps Dodge.

I shall walk no more with women,
I shall deal no more with men.
For my spirit sickens—lonely
Beyond all human ken.
When one has walked with angels,
And lived with the Evening Star
There is left but little interest
In what mortal women are.
When one's food was all Ambrosia,
Served by glorious Ganyমেদে,
There is left but scanty longing
For the food the mortals need,
When one's drink was glowing nectar
On Olympic Heights divine,
One can never more be thirsty
For the poor, thin mortal wine.

New York.

UNIVERSAL AND UNITED PRAYER.

Call of the Evangelical Alliance.

THE Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain has issued its annual invitation for a universal Week of Prayer, upon the lines organized by the Alliance since 1846. Its invitation is given "to all that in every place call upon the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours," and is couched in the following language:

Beloved Brethren—As every passing year reminds us that the Coming of the Lord for His Church, or His call to each of us, is by so much nearer, the Evangelical Alliance again invites you with a deepened sense of responsibility to unite in the fellowship of intercession. With every new season of special prayer there grows in urgency the need to "continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving." For, as answered prayers call for renewed praise, they are also calls to service, and specially to that ministry which brings each believer to "the Throne of Grace."

But let it be remembered that the purpose of prayer is not merely in the satisfaction of the Church's needs, or the supply of the world's wants. These have rightly their place in our petitions, but far above them rise the noble ideals which, again and again, were set before us by the Lord both in precept and example.

First come the Hallowed Name, the coming Kingdom, and Earth knit with Heaven in glad obedience to the One Will, and not till then the particular needs which belong to this passing life. Thus, too, runs the Master's great promise that He would give what His disciples asked for in His Name in order "that the Father may be glorified in the Son"—the same supreme ideal which He had sought in His own prayers. (St. John xii:28; xvii:1.)

Add to this that other gracious word, where agreement "as touching anything that they shall ask," is made the condition on which even the two or three gathered in His Name may claim an answer from their Father in Heaven.

Let such be the motive and manner of the petitions which shall be offered during the Week of Prayer, and the Church shall see and share in those "greater things" the greatness of which passeth knowledge (St. John i:50; xiv:12).

The Lord grant that our "Amen" may be the response to His own (Rev. xxii:20), and Weeks of Prayer will be swallowed up in the eternity of praise.

We are, Beloved Brethren,

Yours in the fellowship of the Gospel, and in hope of the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This call is signed by 764 names, embracing all denominations of Protestant Christians, living on every continent and in most of the countries of the world. It includes 250 names in Great Britain and her dependencies; eleven in France and Algeria; ten in Austria and Hungary; fourteen in Italy; twenty in Ger-

many and Belgium; forty-four in Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway; twenty-five in Spain and Portugal; forty in South America; several hundred missionaries in Arabia, Africa, China, Egypt, the islands of the Pacific, Greece, Turkey, India, Japan, Palestine, Bulgaria, Persia and other stations on the globe, even Iceland and Madagascar being represented. The United States has twenty-nine, of whom two live in New York City. It should be remembered that the United States has a separate organization, once very large, influential and useful, and still faithful to the celebration of the week of prayer. The British Alliance is a very vigorous body, and keeps its patrons interested by parlor meetings and public and private appeals whenever there is a suitable occasion.

The week of prayer which has been appointed, is, as usual, the first week of the new year, 1911, from Sunday, January 1, to Saturday, January 7. Texts, containing topics for Sunday sermons or addresses have been named as follows: "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son, that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father."—St. John v. 22, 23. "I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me."—St. John xii. 32. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."—St. John xiii. 35.

The following are the daily topics for the week:

Monday, January 2—Thanksgiving and Confession.—Thanksgiving that the day of salvation for the world and of service for Christ still lasts. That the peace of nations has to so great a degree been preserved. That a growing desire for unity and co-operation among Christians is manifested in so many parts of the Christian Church. That increased research is confirming the integrity of the Holy Scriptures. Confession of the weakness of the Church's influence on the world. Of increasing love of luxury and lack of self-discipline evident among professing Christians. Of the low appreciation of the Authority of God's Word, and of the sanctity of His day of rest shown by many. Of prevailing disregard of the coming of the Lord, and of that which will follow. Of the fact that the fear of God and the desire to do His will have so little part in political and social life.

Tuesday, January 3—The Church Universal: The "One Body" of which Christ is the Head. Praise for the vast variety and extent of the gifts, administrations and operations bestowed on the Church in these latter days. For increased liberty, knowledge and opportunity given to Christians. Prayer for a clearer perception of the doctrines of grace and a fuller entering into the purposes of God. For a firmer witness to the Godhead of Jesus Christ and a closer following of the footsteps of His Manhood. For more complete surrender of the conscience and will to the Holy Spirit. For more of the Love which "believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." For the Evangelical Alliance in all lands and for the growth of its influence in all Churches and Christian communities.

Wednesday, January 4—Nations and Their Rulers.—Prayer for "all that are in authority," Emperors, Kings, Presidents, Parliaments and Legislators. For the quenching of racial suspicions, national jealousies and social animosities. For higher public opinion with regard to purity, temperance, honesty and truth. For soldiers, sailors, policemen and all public servants. For the removal of all national and social wrongs. For those in all lands who guide public opinion through the press.

Thursday, January 5—Foreign Missions.—Praise for the results of the World Missionary Conference and other missionary gatherings. For the unflinching evidences of the power of the Gospel in the conversion and godly lives of multitudes who had not known the Lord. For the men and women who have gone before us in the path of service, and left us an example of obedience and devotion. Prayer for the awakened nations of the Far East, that the Gospel may outstrip and overcome evil influences from the Western World. For the supply of Spirit-filled men and women for educational establishments in India, China and the East. For the opening of lands still closed to the Gospel, and the occupation of every opportunity already given. For the overthrow of every false religion. For the strength of vocation to many young men and women, and power in which to live it out.

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OBITUARY.

Daniel Webster Moore

The Rev. Daniel Webster Moore, who had retired from active ministry, died December 23 at his home in Dover, N. J., of cerebral hemorrhage, with which he was stricken on Wednesday. He kept a diary in which he had made entries daily for the last fifty-eight years. The last entry on the day he was taken ill was that he had purchased tickets for himself and Mrs. Moore for Florida. Mr. Moore was a native of Ohio, but had spent the last sixty years in New Jersey ministerial work. He was nearly ninety years old.

Alexander McLean

The Rev. Alexander McLean, one of the oldest members of the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died on December 17 at his home, 1057 East Second-st., Brooklyn. Mr. McLean was born in this city on April 15, 1826. He went to California with the gold seekers of '49, but soon took up preaching instead. He received his training at the Concord Theological Seminary. At the last session of the New York East Conference, held at Middletown, Conn., he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. He served in many churches in Manhattan and in Brooklyn, and was for thirteen years secretary of the New York East Conference and for many years a secretary of the General Conference of the Church. For a year he acted as assistant editor of the "Christian Witness," published at Boston.

Mrs. Henry M. Alexander

Mrs. Susan Mary Alexander, widow of Henry M. Alexander, died December 20 in her eighty-third year, at her home, 10 West Fifty-fourth-st. She was born on July 20, 1828, the daughter of the Rev. Matthew Brown, for many years president of Washington and Jefferson College. She was the mother of Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. John J. McCook, Archibald and Henry A. Alexander, the Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D., of Pittsburg, and Dr. Samuel Alexander, of this city, who died recently. She also left a number of grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Alexander was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, active in its missionary work and benevolences. She was also interested in the hospital work of

the city. For twenty-five years she conducted in her own house a large Bible class of her own friends. She caused to be erected the Presbyterian chapel at Seabright, N. J., her summer residence, and for more than thirty years carried on a mission work among the fishermen on the New Jersey coast.

EDUCATIONAL.

A Legacy Declined

A bequest of \$40,000 made by a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson College to his alma mater has been generously declined on the ground that the widow and six children of the donor might need the money more. The well-wishing donor, it is thought, overestimated the value of his estate.

Rockefeller Gives Ten Millions More

As "a single and final gift," John D. Rockefeller has just given \$10,000,000 to the University of Chicago, which he founded, making a total from him of about \$35,000,000. The university must now shift for itself and work out its own salvation, which, no doubt, it will do with honor to its own high ideals.

New York University Enrollment

The register of the New York University shows an enrolment of nearly 4,000 students and 369 professors and instructors, placing the university among the twelve largest in the United States and second only to Columbia. This is quite an increase over last year, almost every department showing an increase.

DR. REID IS WIDELY HEARD.

The Rev. Gilbert Reid, D.D., has been speaking at the following places: The Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' Club, the Women's Missionary Society of the North Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union, the Third Presbyterian Church and the Chamber of Commerce in Rochester. He preached the Thanksgiving sermon at Youngstown, and also spoke at the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Epworth Memorial

Methodist Church in Cleveland; Adelbert College of the Western Reserve University, and the Woman's College Club and the Woman's College of Western Reserve University and the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

BLUE POINTS FROM PITTSBURG.

Presbyterians in Wilkinsburg Entertain Their Fellow Churchmen.

By the Rev. J. T. Gibson, D.D.

THE meeting of the Synod of Pennsylvania, which met in the First Presbyterian Church, of Wilkinsburg, was one of the best in its history. The borough of Wilkinsburg is not more than seven miles from the center of Pittsburg, but its citizens have always voted against its being merged with the city for various reasons. The only good reason seems to be the fact that it is a local option town, having no saloons, and, if it were merged with the greater city, the saloon might be introduced. It has three large and flourishing Presbyterian churches, the one in which the Synod met being one of the largest in the Presbytery. Nearly all the members of the Synod were entertained in the homes of members of this church, of which the Rev. E. Trumbull Lee, D.D., is the able pastor.

The opening sermon of the Synod was preached by the Rev. C. C. Hays, D.D., the retiring moderator. When the time came for electing a new moderator, Dr. Ebenezer Flack, of Scranton, was chosen by a large majority. Dr. Flack was formerly pastor of Latrobe Church, Presbytery of Blairsville, and is well known throughout the Synod. He moderated the Synod with dignity and ability.

One of the important subjects discussed was the Synod's relation to the collegiate institutions that are visited by committees of the Synod. Some of these institutions are Lafayette, Washington and Jefferson, Waynesburg and the Pennsylvania College for Women, and others. These institutions make annual reports to the Synod, but with the exception of Lafayette are not under its control. The discussion developed considerable difference of opinion as to how far collegiate institutions should be under the control of ecclesiastical bodies. Special interest was manifested in the Western Theological Seminary.

The second subject of special interest was the discussion of the Board of Ministerial Relief and the plan of ministerial sustentation. There seemed to be a nearly universal conviction on the part of the members of Synod that the General Assembly should at once put an end to the present condition. The existence of two schemes for practically the same purpose not only wastes money but paralyzes beneficence. The representative of one cannot present his cause without injuring the other. We have reason to believe that the General Assembly's Advisory Committee will present some strong recommendations in regard to this matter at the next meeting of the Assembly, and certainly it cannot be done too soon, nor made too emphatic.

The resolution of Synod, without attempting to dictate how any of its members should vote, urged all its pastors to preach on a given Sabbath on the general subject of "Civic Righteousness."

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