

Lu. 4. 11. 7. And there is none that culleth upon thy

More things are accomplished by prayer
than this we dream of. But that much more might
be there can be no doubt. We offer so little real
prayer. There may not appear to be a great deficit
of words in our more formal services. But how often
are our words nothing more. Who dares to think
that if there went up real prayer such as God has taught
us to pray from 2 Cor. hearts in this Ch. - there would not
be a earthly dif. condition of things in our services, in our
homes, in our towns. It has been intimated to me
that there is an utter carelessness in many of our
prof. Ch. houses, about even the forms of prayer.
And that in the sanctuary scarce bow their heads.
That there are those who make no habit of coming
to places that are set apart for prayer, that they have
no reverent altar. With this condition of things
if it be can we hope to measure up to Gods work, or
for the manifestations of the S. S. & the Holy unct.
that we might feel & enjoy. Who has not noticed
that there is a lack among some of our reverent
forms of Ch. The attendance upon the means
of order is made a subject of convenience or
of physical comfort. Some who feel that when
they have attended the means of grace once they have
paid what pecunia they need to to the sanctuary that
day & they can stay to home & read or sleep &c. Of course
without the Spt. of those who say I was glad yet. If there
was nothing but to hear my words &c. But have
you no work to do there &c. No inf. to exert no
songs - no prayers. No fingers to stretch out &c.

But after all the forms of religion are of little avail.
It might still be said this people draw near unto
me with their lips, while their hearts &c

The great need of this Ch. - of all our hearts is
a deeper Spt. uncty. a baptism of the H. G. a deeper
unction from the Holy One. Nothing else will
take the place of this. No intellectual strength
no pomp of ritual, no service of song. No beauty
of architecture nor adornments of art.

You have doubtless all felt its cold paralytic
absence, especially those of you who are rightly
minded. Some have felt it more, than I,
or more grieved over its absence. For Jesus saith
without me ye can do nothing. And only as the
S. S. is prom. among us will we grow up into God or have
power with men.