

New Bern May 26th

Major Sparrow
Dear Sir

You have
always complimented
me by appearing to like
my poems, will you accept
the enclosed, which has
never been published,
in memory of the two
pleasant evenings we
spent together. I thought
of it after I got home on
Sunday night, and wish-
ed I had read it to you.

It can't be called a trans-
lation as I only preserved
the ideas. I have thought
a good deal to day I

Of what you said last
night about going to
the Communion table,
and wish I could do
as you said, but I can't
"fill the pots to the brim"
and though I feel that
the cup of life is better
enough without squeezing
the fluid of resentment
into its waters, some how
I will get a drop or two in
some times and then I
must stay away.

But excuse my egotism
my few runs away with
me. I only meant to ex-
plain why I send the
lines - for be their some
things you know with
our heads, and something
with our hearts - and

Unfortunately for me
my head and my
head sometimes don't
agree in their belief

Very sincerely

Yours

Wm Bayard Clarke

Oremus

From the German

When dark the road and sore the feet,
When desolate the way,
When needing strength & hope & faith
O brethren "Let us Pray!"

Prayer is the culture of the wheat,
The weeding of the tares,
And oft in prayer an angel we
May shelter unawares.

A heartfelt wish that we could pray
Is in itself a prayer,
For 'tis the gasping of the soul
For freed - pure air.

Doth there object, "unasked He gives?"
Yes brother this is true,
But e'en His blessings blessing need
To make them blessed to you.

(best)

"I may ask wrong, He'll give what's,
I will confide on this;
O Brother, he who asks for nought
Must always ask amiss.

"What will be will be" sayest thou?
That rests with Him not thee,
It is enough He gives thee power
To will what thou shalt be.

He never asks "wilt thou be made?"
When He creates a soul,
But to that soul he gives a will
Then asks "wilt thou be ~~wise~~?"

"He knows my wants, why should I
His boon from Him to gain?" ^{pray}
We know not why, but He has said
"Ask — and thou shalt obtain."