

What My Presence Did:

- It caused people to have confidence in me.
- It made people know that I regarded my spiritual welfare as a matter of great importance.
- It had a good effect on the services.
- It encouraged the brethren and helped the kingdom of Christ.
- It caused others to look to Christ for salvation.
- It made my life stronger for another week.
- It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner's path.
- It pleased God and I was happy.
- It caused others to say: *"He practiced what he preaches."*

What My Absence Did:

- It made some question the reality of religion.
- It made some think that I was a pretender.
- It made some think that I regarded my spiritual welfare as a matter of small concern.
- It weakened the effect of the worship service.
- It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
- It discouraged the brethren, and thereby, robbed them of a blessing.
- It caused others to stay away from worship.
- It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the devil.
- It gave the devil more power over lost souls.
- It encouraged the habit of non-attending.

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