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#### RELIGIOUS EDITORIALS FOR SUNDAY

Last Sunday the disciple's prayer was briefly considered. In Luke x you will find the adorable Saviour after giving the prayer, offering two thoughts to encourage the disciplesall believers in Him, all Christiansto pray. The first argument presented is that of the importunate friend. Turn to Luke xi, 5-8 and read the lesson. It shows what may be secured, what good results may follow earnest, repeated prayer. The friend was of another household. He nad an unexpected visitor and had no bread. He sought it of a friend asking for a loan of three loaves. The answer "Trouble me not, my door is shut, I am in bed and I cannot rise and give you." But he did rise and open the door and supply his friend, and not because of friendship merely, but of importunity. Learn from this first, to persevere in asking God, in earnest, constant supplication. You may be a sinner far off from God, and yet by repeated solicitation of divine favor you may obtain a full answer and receive into your soul the so much coveted blessing. The idea is to encourage prayer. Christ loved to pray and He evidently seeks to impress upon His disciples the advantages that come to the seeker who prays eagerly, asking and the other friend, the housekeeper, yielded to the insistency. He arose and gave him as many as a needeth." You need the blessed, ecious bread of life, cry out impahat you must have to be satisfied, happy and prosperous-the continued favor of God. But do not draw a not suppose that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is hard of heart or deaf to any cry of distress. It is not so. It is not intende, we may believe, that the to prayer may be only secured by re-We do not think that is the deduction requiring explanation, and said: to be drawn from what Luke reports. Many a blessing has come to the devout disciple in answer to a simple, faith-like prayer. No doubt he deals some must be tested and disciplined and strengthened. He sometimes delays with a purpose as in the case of in Mark xv. 21-28. He delayed to bring out her faith, and after a severe test apparently He told her, "O woman, cases the best means to develop, encourage, and strengthen the faith of play their antics and tricks in hidden his people. He thus prepares for higher aspirations, greater strivings there are people to follow and believe. and completer victories. By this course He "so prepares them to receive with the highest profit the blessing He will ultimately kestow. The second lesson or argument given is that God's children are to expect special and easy blessings. He gives the arguments from 9th to 13th verses inclusive. It is as impressive and sweeping a promise of blessing in answer to prayer as perhaps the Bible contains, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." It can not be made plainer or more positice. Then it is added: "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Those that are already God's chosen and blessed, His children by both adoption and grace, as all are and must be who shall ever be saved, have the greatest encouragement here to pray knowing that the prayers will be heard and God will answer as He sees it is best for each. The remainder of the lesson might be copied and dwelt upon possibly with benefit, for it is indeed a

marvellous expression of divine clem-

ency and love, and God's willingness

to hear and answer. It is a beautiful,

touching presentation of God's readi- a larger saying of his of equal interest ness, even delight, in blessing. He and point. Writing to Mrs. Procter, concludes with this delightful, most encouraging application: "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." This is the best of all gifts for without the blessed Holy Spirit you will die in your sins. Here is every encouragement to pray for our God is a placable and answering. God. "Lord trary, huge respect for big ones. Perteach us to pray" and for what to pray. Let us pray with earnestness with confidence, with a deep sense of dependence, with a full assurance that God will hear. Let us pray for light, for immortality, for the coming of His Kingdom, for grace to help in every time of need, for the grace of patience, the grace of fidelity, the grace of humility, the grace of contentment. Let us pray for guidance, for wisdom, for the meekness of saints, for holy living, for grace sufficient under all temptations and trials. "Lord teach us to pray."

The real field for uncanny and ridiculous "isms" has always been in the New England states. Witchism, John Brownism, Fourierism, Negro-slavism, Abolitionism, and all the other "isms" either originate or find a hospitable home in that prolific, self-asserting, "opinion" and aggressive section It seems that those two arrant humbugs. Theosophy and Christian Science have many disciples in that country of education and much money. The "Jargon" of the schools ramify and permeate, and among the new fads that find favor and flourish to some degree is the most abused of all humbugs, the most baseless and foolish. called by a horrible misnomer "Christian Science." The Messenger has given before some extracts from northern writers showing up the stupidity and falsity of the whole thing. A New York city correspondent writes to New York "Saturday Review" of this disreputable. pretentious thing, He says of a defender's plea:

"The jargon it calls science is made up of terms taken from mathematics. ligion than the term "knee drill," which the Salvation Army applies to prayer. That the religion is based upon the 'teachings of Jesus,' as she says, I absolutely deny. His teachings are so perverted and distorted that no Christian would recognize repeatedly. The friend persisted in them, and the historical truths of His life are completely falsified."

He refers to Mrs. Eddy's awful mutilation of travesity of the "Lord's Prayer." She laid her "sacriligious hands and dared to call her profanaently and repeat it again and again tion of what is sacred to every Chrisitil you receive the blessing, obtain | tian heart spiritualizing it? There is not a vestige of the original left, and if you heard it repeated you would never recognize it. The commandfalse or unfavorable conclusion. Do ments do not mean what they say, but what Mrs. Eddy declares them to be, and so with every thing else." He heard one of the teachers of this miscalled science and it was a woman Master meant to teach that answers | Her text was "And they found the napkin and the linen clothes lying." peated asking and much importunity. She chose the word napkin as the one

"I suppose you think that means an ordinary napkin, or, in other words, something to bind about the head but you are mistaken. Nap means with men differently. He understands | sleep and kin little; therefore, the sigperfectly character and knows that nificance is only a little sleep. Jesus never died. He only took a little in order that faith may be developed sleep. You must take it in a spiritual and not in a material sense."

Here is rot and rubbish, nonsense the Syrophoenician woman mentioned and stupidity to the degree of nauseating. These disciples of humbug have got back into the Dark Ages into which so many people now-a-days in great is thy faith." Delay is in many both great sections are descending pell-mell. Imposters and charlatans corners or the broad light of day and

### **OBSERVANDA**

Of all the great men of the last sixty years in Great Britain and the English speaking world, not counting men who were born in the last century and lap-over far into this, like Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron and Scott, we may mention as the creators and factors, making a greater impression upon the thought of the world than any others, Carlyle, Tennyson and Thackeray. There is nothing plainer now than among the ablest critics and best cultured people of Great Britain today Thackeray is regarded as foremost among the English novelists since Scott, and many place him ahead of the great master and creator of romantic novels. The author of that truly great and most original novel "Lorna Doone." Mr. Blackmore, says in his latest novel, "Dariel," said to be

really fine: "Who is the most delightful writer of our race since heaven took Shakespeare in hot haste, when his hand was too close on the Tree of Life?' The answer, although so long in coming, comes louder as every year adds to the echo, William Makepeace Thack-

Thackeray and Tennyson were personal friends. The great novelist, satirist and wise man, has said that the great poet "was the wisest man he ever knew." Recently we met with Neighborhood."

wife of the poet of that name, a clever elderly lady. Thackeray said:

"Alfred Tennyson, if he can't make you like him, will make you admire him. He seems to me to have the cachet of a great man. His conversation is often delightful; I think, full of breadth, manliness, and humor. He reads all sorts of things, swallows them, and digests them like a great poetical boa-constrictor as he is. Now I hope, Mrs. Procter, you recollect that if your humble servant sneers at small geniuses, he has, on the conhaps it is Alfred Tennyson's great yellow face and growling voice that have made an impression on me. Manliness and simplicity of manner go a great way with me, I fancy.'

Tennyson was not then old, but he was great and broad. We call that for men of intelligence and reading an appetizing morsel.

We twice had the temerity, or the 'greeness," if you please to call it, to confess among our literary sins and imperfections that we could not read through "Don Quixote." When we made the confession for the first time we had never met with any who disagreed with or seen any statement that antagonized in the least the universal opinion that the masterpiece of Cervantes was not about the chiefest glory of the intellectual modern world. We have read "lots of books" in most modern literatures, but we have never successfully compassed the very difficult task to us of getting through 'Don Quixote," and we have made the honest attempt at least three times, and at different periods in a long-life. Not ten years ago we sat down to it in much good will determined to make the trip. But before we reached an hundred pages we wearied and finally put the volume in its place in a case. Within a year or so we have met with an occasional plea of literary heresy in the same degree. We have found two. or three writers who plead inability to relish and magnify the great Spanish work of genius. We were delighted to find the following in The New York "Saturday Review," of the 27th ult., that not only shows heresy as to "Don-Quixote," but as we rejoice to see, also as to Goethe's "Faust," a book overrated and deficient in style as we have long held. The note is brief but pointed. Here it is:

"The undersigned, a 'literary feller' for fifty years, (of low degree, he ad-'Juveen's' estimate of 'Don Quixote.' Allow him to say, also, that his literary heresy, which, it may be said, is shared by Ruskin himself, extends to Wilhelm Meister' and 'Faust.' "Winthrop, Me, Aug. 22, 1898."

A writer in The Chicago Evening Post refers to another correspondent of the S. R. who protests against classing "Don Quixote" with the four other "chief books in all literatures and of all ages." They are given as "The Iliad" of Homer; the "Book of Job" in the Bible; the "Divine Comedy" Dante, and "King Lear," by Shakespeare.. The aforesaid writer thus rends "Don Quixote: "This does seem an amazing, breath-taking rank to give a book one-third of which is too random dull to read and the other twothirds an extravagant outpouring of mere ridicule and fun."

This is the third writer, we think, who has refused to bow down and worship "Don Quixote" who has appeared in the S. R. The Evening Post says that "naturally the editor (of the S. R.) is shocked and retorts by loading with authorities who laud and magnify the Spanish book. Either The Evening Post or a correspondent

"For myself I take pleasure in readng 'Don Quixote,' but I sympathize with the correspondent's refreshing independence. He has the spirit that overturns shams and humbug, and it is a spirit that should be let loose upon current literature. Puffers and faddists have flourished in the past, but never more luxuriantly than they do

The possibilities of southern literature are good, and the number promising writers increases. In etry alone it is not equal to what past produced. There is no Poe or Hayne or Timrod or Lanier among the later singers. After the war the productions of Sidney Lanier and Miss Murfree, of Tennessee, and "Uncle Remus" (J. C. Harris, of Georgia), and Colonel Johnston and Junius Dabney and Miss Fisher and others drew attention and made a name if not money. We do not name Maurice Thompson, who is hardly southern, or Mrs. Margaret Preston, who was born in Pennsylvania, or Cable, the yankee who abused the people of the south and then hied himself to Connecticut to escape the odium of his conduct and the contempt of the true men women of the south. Of late writers the best are James Lane Allen, John Fox, both of Kenntucky, and Miss Glasgow, of Virginia. Allen is quite an artist, a writer of fine skill and true

On the 19th of May, 1898, an author of some note died at Rockland, Mass. Maria Louise Pool was born in Au- pay required. It is guaranteed to give gust in 1841, and was educated in the public schools of her town. She work- by R. R. Bellsniy. ed her way into literary fame, teaching school at first. Among her books were: "The Two Salomes," "Tenting on Stony Beach," "Rowana in Boston," "Boss and Other Dogs," "Against Human Nature," and "In a Dyke Shanty." She was well thought of in her New England section, and her delineation of yankeen character was recognized and that the party has no future as effective, natural, artistic. She was save to trade for office, and power over white fells if the republican was not better in shorter stories than in her more ambitious novels. Her latest the republicat party in power, and that populist votes put novel, we think, was "the Red Bridge

### EREVITIES.

The building of needed warships continues. Belld a good, strong navy and be content

Two of the lest don'ts we have read

"Don't judgo a woman's complexion by the box it comes in. Don't attem it to borrow money on

your wheel. It won't stand alone." Something is very rotten not "in Denmark," but in the United States commisariat, medical department and war department. There is a rotten system and that is the trouble.

Europe is it a flutter and almost all foreign new papers and public men ridicule and Cout the Russian Tsar's pacific policy of disarmament. They call it chime cal. It would not be if like peace lovers they would all agree to the propjocal in good faith.

Nine hundred Spaniards were lost on three tran ports in a storm. They were trying o escape from the insurgents at Equilla and were hoping to surrender () Admira Dewey.

The crop of cotton is now guessed at by the Net York Financial Chronicle at 11,056753 bales. It will probably exceed that great crop. And what will the southern farmers receive for their toil?

Miss Winnie Davis was extremely sick with gast tis at Narragansett Pier, Long Island. On 28th ult, she was reported slightly better, but she is considered "coltically ill."

The Salvation Army has just celebrated its thaty-third anniversary. It has done a great work.

It is said over 2,000 soldiers at the camp at Chickamauga have professed faith in Christ

Richmond, Va., is justly crying out against bad water. The people are being sorely tried. The Dispatch

"Many and mighty have been the groans of the public on account of muddy water. Drinking water has been obtained by many families buying spring water or filtering city water. Alum, two, has been used to some extent."

There are other cities and towns that have good right to cry out for the same cause. "Muddy water" is poor stuff to drink.

De Blowitz; the famous Paris correspondent of the London Times, writes that Alsace Couraine should cease to belong to Ge many and come back to France would be the pivotal condition for sanctioning the Tsar's peace proposal. He says Bismarck said to him "There are take of us who made the and Flexible Goods. German Empire, The German nation would hang al three if we offered of our own free Will to give back Alsace-Lorraine to Mance:"

He doubtless referred to Emperor William, Von Moltke and himself, But really. Bismarck was the great builder without thom no Empire would have been firmed. That is apparent to the student of German history through the last forty years. The man of fron and blood was the inspiration and Greeting power in the great movement that ended in the humiliation arcs defeat of France and in the compacting and rearing of the great German power now one of the four great factors in European his tory and polly.

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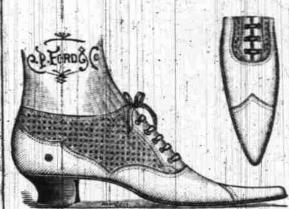
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