

IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

GOD'S SCRUTINY LONGED FOR

Search Me O God, and Know My Heart; and See if There be Any Wicked Way in Me; and Lead Me in the Way Everlasting—Ps. 139: 23, 24.

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The entire psalm from which our text is taken is an acknowledgment of the completeness of God's omniscience. Our text is the psalmist's prayer for that Divine searching which results in spiritual purity...

In this prayer, I detect a glad recognition of the fact that God knows me down to the very roots of my being. According as one thinks of God, it is either the most blessed or it is the most awful fact of life. If we look at Him as the austere man gathering where He will not see, then we shall indeed be afraid...

But there is another conception of God. You may know Him as being with heart and love with love to you. He has given you every reason to know Him as such. If your heart thrills with love to God, you should not be filled with a richer love for you...

But let us not think that the eye of love will look upon sin upon sin. Some say that love is blind. The fact is, that love is very clear-sighted. Infinite love sees all the sin of our hearts, and seeing it will remove it. The eye of love is the first to discover malice. Pride may be hidden from all eyes save those of love...

And this petition is the expression of absolute willingness for God to search the heart. This searching is not to reveal your heart to God. He may reveal you to yourself. The illumination of our experience flashes the darkest corners of our experience before us...

Take this petition close to yourself. Are you willing that God search your heart? Are you willing that He turn the search-light of His presence into your life? Consider well ere you pray this prayer. It is useless for you to pray thus unless you are willing to stand by your prayer. Your will and God's will must work together to secure the end contemplated in this searching...

III. The Petition for the Divine Testing of the Thoughts—"Try me, and know my thoughts." The petitions of this prayer proceed from within our hearts. The psalmist, a true writer, the heart was the cen-

alone, is not broken short off by death, but runs, borne upon one mighty arch that spans the gorge, clean across the black abyss, and continues straight on in the same course, only with a swifter upward gradient, through all the ages of eternity. The man who has lived for God here will live yonder as he has lived here, only more completely and more joyous than ever.

CHURCH NOTES FOR BUSY MEN

ROMAN CATHOLIC. NOT A NEW DISCOVERY. Father Vaughan of London, writing, speaks thus to an English medical student "Like appendicitis, the study of modernism is not really new, but is only a new name for 'ecceiticism, naturalism, rationalism, etc.' It is a disease in the Christian organism of members whose only excuse for being in the body is that they may be expelled from it."

CLIPPING FROM THE NEW FREEMAN. The Rev. Dr. Symonds, Anglican, of Christ Church, Cathedral, Montreal, is writing sermons to honest doubters. Let us hope that he won't make agnostics out of them, or that he won't have them take up his views on Scripture. Some churches do not seem to have any creed. The preachers are always talking municipal affairs, always telling the aldermen what they ought to do.

THE BAPTISTS. THE LATE DR. CHIVERS. The oldest Baptist pastor in England is the Rev. Thomas Lord, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire. Although he is now ninety-nine years of age, he is still active in religious work. He has preached his five thousandth sermon on the twenty-third anniversary of his ordination. Owing to failing eyesight, the veteran pastor has to trust entirely to his memory, which is still remarkably good.

THE CHURCH IN WALES. The disestablishment campaign in Wales, too, is being quietly but effectively prosecuted. It will be remembered that the particular resolution to which our advocate alludes, was that of recommending the establishment of a Welsh Nonconformist League, and authorizing the executive to give effect to that resolution. This is what has been going on for some time. When the time comes for action, it will be found that Wales is prepared for the call.

A CATHEDRAL SERVICE DISTURBED. CHESTER, Eng., Dec. 28.—A great sensation was caused in the Manchester Cathedral yesterday morning by the action of Stewart Gray, the famous advocate and lawyer, who, while in the house of prayer, was seen to be in a state of great excitement. He entered the pulpit of the Cathedral and protested against the birth of the Saviour being celebrated when there were so many poor and starving people in England whom society could help. His language was abusive, and in the name of God I protest.

THE NEW BISHOP OF CHICHESTER. The King has approved of the appointment of the Very Rev. Charles John Ridgeway, Dean of Carlisle, to be Bishop of Chichester in succession to the late Very Rev. Ernest Roland Wilberforce. The new Bishop is a moderate Churchman, of sound views, avers to either extreme, full of zeal, and devoted to the Church of England. He is well known in London as the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, having been vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster-gate for twenty years, and Prebendary of St. Paul's.

FELL DEAD. Dr. George Howard Wilkinson, Bishop of St. Andrews and primate of the Scottish Church, after addressing a meeting in Edinburgh, fell back in his chair and died instantly.

THE DEACONS. The Irish Presbyterian Church has drawn up a curriculum for the training of deacons, consisting of instruction in Scripture, Christian doctrine and church principles, parochial work and social questions together with a course in practical training.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY. The number of students who have matriculated at the Glasgow College this session is ninety. Of these, sixty are regular students preparing for the degree of the church. Of the remaining thirty, two are Scots, two come from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and twenty-five from Canada.

DR. DENNEY ON THE LORD'S SUPPER. Prof. Denney, of Glasgow, recently preached a sermon on "The Table of the Lord," in which he said, "that many Christian people had vague ideas as to the meaning of the Sacrament of the Supper; to some it was only a symbol, while others could only say that it was not really real."

AMONG THE FOUNDERS OF CANADA. The Presbyterian Witness claims that Protestants, true and faithful Reformers, were among the founders of Canada. It is a great pity that a few of the early settlers were not of this faith. The Presbyterian Witness claims that Protestants, true and faithful Reformers, were among the founders of Canada.

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SATURDAY SERMONETTE. WELCOME 1908. We are glad to see you, New Year and hope that you will live together with you, die not, until we die. What you want you do us better than the old year did. It is not considered good taste or good religion to say unkind things of the dead, but I think the dead are the only ones we ought to say unkind things about. They can't talk back even though they hear us.

DR. CLIFFORD AND LOUIS KOSUTH. The Baptist deputation to Hungary had some interesting experiences. They were received in a very friendly manner by the Hungarian Government and the people. Dr. Clifford and Louis Kosuth, the leader of the coalition majority in the Hungarian Parliament, were the guests of honor.

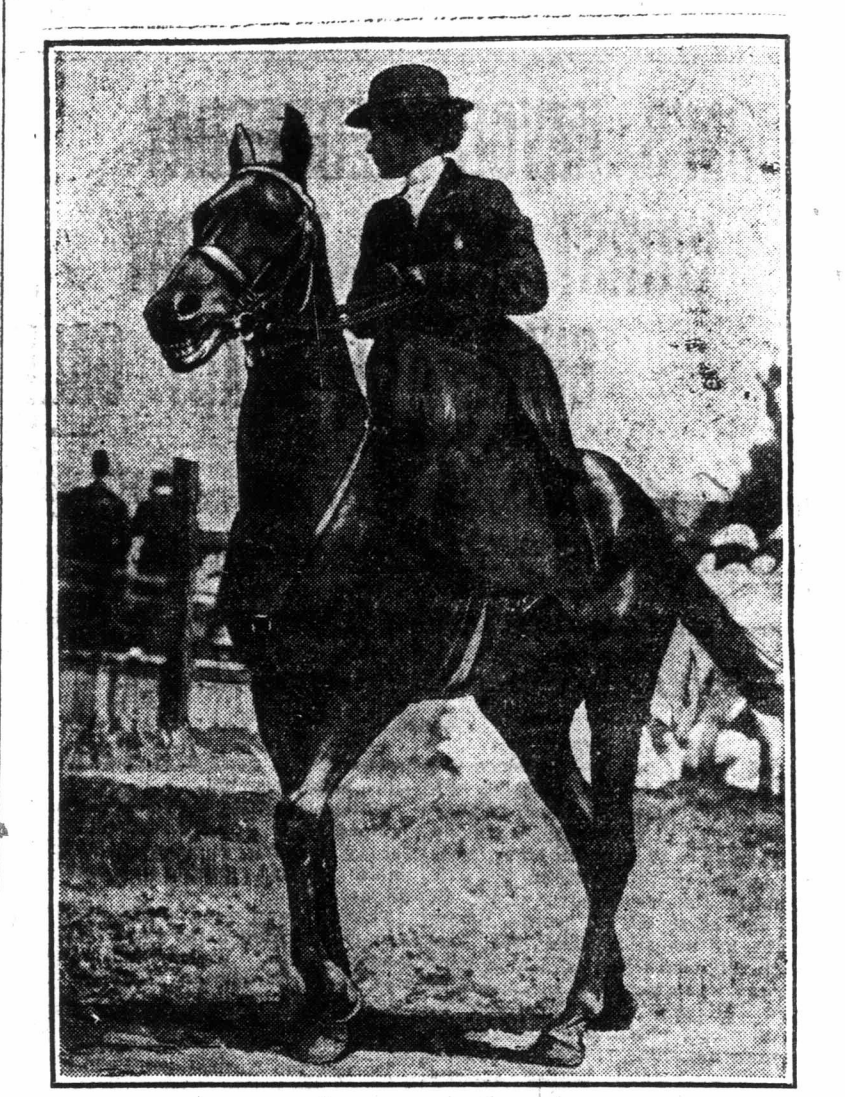
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A SEAMEN'S REST. The new premises of the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest in Poplar, which have been given by Mrs. Emery in memory of her father, have been opened.

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MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE ELOPES WITH HORSEMAN



MRS. ALFRED E. DIETERICH, horseman and former whip of Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Alfred E. Dieterich, wife of the New York millionaire, is not stopping with her mother, Mrs. Albert Young, at the Hotel Ritz, despite Mrs. Young's cable to her sister, Mrs. Arants, in New York. Mrs. Young and her son, Lewis G. Young, who accompanies her, both refused today to discuss Mrs. Dieterich's alleged departure from New York on December 7 on the steamship Bluecher, which carried Henry E. Brechenry, the

body, supposed to be the Dwyer of England, former of the Purse line steamer. The body was found between three and four o'clock day afternoon. When discovered was lying face downward, mud underneath the vest leading to the wharf. A thin about the corpse and it was the trestle. On the orders of Berrymann the body was taken to the dead house. Papers for pockets indicated that it was of London. The coroner's inquest was held at the dead house. The body was found and taken to the dead house. The coroner's inquest was held at the dead house.

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BODY PICKED UP AT LONG

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