

them to good account. I, for one,
hope to profit by them. Your's,
ALEXIS.

PRAYER.

We believe prayer to be the most important weapon that the Christian can use, and yet how ineffectually is it wielded by a great majority of Christ's disciples? Any thing that will aid them in the discharge of this duty is seasonable. We have recently met with the following thoughts which we recommend to the serious attention of every professed follower of the Saviour. If he will practice these precepts, we will insure him much spiritual enjoyment.

He that has learned to pray as he ought, has got the secret of a holy life.

He that would be devout in prayer, must beware of a habit of wandering in prayer. It is a crime that would grow upon us, and will deprive us of the blessing we pray for. The best way to prevent wandering in prayer, is, not to let the mind wander at other times, but to have God always in our minds, in the whole course of our lives.

Never intermit your devotions if you can help it; else you will return to your duty like Sampson when his locks were cut short, and indifferent as other people of the world.

The oftener we renew our intercourse with God the greater will be our devotion. Frequent prayer, as it is an exercise of the holy thoughts, is a most natural remedy against the power of sin.

Make it a law to yourself to meditate before you pray; also to make certain pauses, to see whether your heart goes along with your lips. Those whose hearts desire nothing, pray for nothing.

It is a rudeness amongst men to ask a favor and not stay for an answer. And do we count it no fault to pray for blessings and never to think of

them afterwards—never to wait for them—never to give God thanks for them?

Let us make prayer familiar to us, for without the help of God, we are every hour in danger.

The devil knows that when we have a relish for prayer and apply ourselves in good earnest to it, we are in the way of life; he, therefore, strives by all possible ways to divert us.

Let us not run over our prayers with an insensible and distracted mind.

Let your prayers be as particular as may be, against the sins of your particular state, and for the graces which you in particular do most stand in need of.—*Zion's Advocate.*

GREAT AND DEEP PREACHERS.—An honest countryman once told me, (says the Rev. J. Edmondson) that he had heard the Rev. Mr. ———, in the city of London. How did you like him? "O, Sir, he is the greatest man I ever heard; for I could not understand one half of what he said." Did you hear Dr. ———? "Yes, Sir." How do you like him? "Not at all; for any body may understand what he says." A gentleman being visited by a friend, highly praised his preacher, and recommended his friend to accompany him to hear him. At the close of the service, the gentleman asked him, saying, "Is he not a *deep* preacher?" His friend replied, "I remember walking, on one occasion, by the banks of a river, where I saw some little boys bathing. Some trees growing on the opposite bank made the river appear dark and dismal. One of the boys, however, venturing over, called his companions to join him; on which one of them replied, "I dare not, it's *deep*." "No," replied the other, "it's not *deep*, only *dark*." The gentleman's friend left him to make the application.