

difference between "purloining" and "eye service," and "men-pleasing" on the one hand, and on the other "with good will doing service as to the Lord," "doing masters service because they are faithful and beloved," and shewing all good fidelity that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."]

#### PRAYING SOLDIERS.

The New Testament tells us of several "devout soldiers," some of these being officers in the Roman army. It is a pleasing fact that there are not a few pious soldiers among the British troops; and it is well known that they are the most courageous men in the hour of battle. It is, indeed very sad to think of a Christian man handling a gun and bayonet, against his fellow creatures, yet it would be still more sad, if in the present unavoidable war, there were no soldiers like the believing centurion, who confessed Christ at the cross, or like Cornelius, the centurion of "the Italian band," whose prayers went up "for a memorial before God." Colonel Fordyce, who was killed in the late Caffre war, was a man of prayer, and was the centre of a group of praying soldiers. We rejoice to know that there are praying men among the British troops who have done the part of soldiers with such marvellous courage at Alma, Balaklava, and Inkerman. There was a prayer meeting of soldiers held immediately before the battle of Alma, and an officer of the name of Anstruther, who fell in that battle, had time to write between the prayer meeting and the battle, how much he had enjoyed that season of supplication. He fell in that battle, although we have reason to hope that at the moment in which he fell, he rose "more than a conqueror." It is well known also, that there are pious men (many of them members of the Free Church,) among the 93rd Highlanders—the bravest men in the army. We regret that Christian men like them should be called to do the terrible work of soldiers, but we rejoice that those who need to do that work, should be Christian men. While there is prayer among the soldiers, let there be much prayer for them. The following facts, which we derive from the Patriot newspaper, are very instructive:—

"In prospect of the battle of the Alma, according to the statement of one of the chaplains, they committed themselves in solemn prayer to the Divine protection. The battle of Inkerman, we now learn, was preceded by a remarkable intercessory meeting, at which ministers and other persons of various denominations assembled to commend the Allied arms to the blessing of the God of battles. This 'concert of prayer' took place at Constantinople. The subject which had been previously mentioned in private, was introduced, before the day of the battle, at a meeting for business of the American Missionaries. Without any foresight, of course, of the impending action, arrangements were made for simultaneous prayer in all the Protestant congregations, native and foreign throughout the Moslem capital. While the hostile armies were actually contending in the field, the Christians of Constantinople were thus unitedly commending them to the care and help of Heaven. Although the chaplain to the British Embassy was prevented, by the restrictions of his church, from offering special prayer for the troops at the regular time of service, he held a prayer-meeting on their behalf in the afternoon, precisely, in all probability, when they stood in most pressing need of the Divine help. Thus, during the entire progress of that tremendous conflict, and till victory crowned the cause of right, were its brave champions sustained by the intercessions of their fellow Christians, offered up in six different languages, and in twice as many separate services, in the capital of the Empire whose independence is at stake.—*U. P. Juv. Mis. Mag.*

#### CATECHISMS.

The following remarks on the above subject, are by the excellent Dr. Isaac Watts, who had certainly some right to be heard. We would only add to them, that highly favoured is the child, who, besides a good catechism, enjoys the extemporé conversational catechising and commenting, of an enlightened, affectionate, and pious mother, whose example and prayers will of course not be wanting:—

"Among the various forms and methods wherein the prime articles of our religion