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And he said unto them, when ye pray say, Our Father.—Luke, xi., 2.

Jesus took it for granted that men were going to pray. He always prayed Himself. It was His habit, His nature, His life. The Evangelists fail to tell us many things which He said and did, but they make large room for His prayers. His praying was one of the outstanding and awe-inspiring features of His life. He was found praying before every important step in His career.

And what He did He expects all men to do. To lift His eyes to heaven and say "Father" was natural and easy, but it is not so easy to many of us, and some of us have doubts as to its reasonableness and value. We are living in an age when men are determined to get it possible to the bottom of things. Everything is subjected to analysis, investigation, criticism. Prayer, as all admit, has roots which run down into the realms of mystery, and it is not surprising that earnest people should be asking many questions about it.

They want to study the psychology and chemistry of prayer. This is entirely proper, but the study of chemistry must be kept in its right place. The chemistry of bread is most interesting and important, but the chemist should eat his breakfast before he enters on his studies. He will then be better fitted for his work. Eating comes first and chemistry afterward. The psychology of sleep is a most fascinating study, but before all the problems have been explored it is necessary for a man to sleep. After one has enjoyed a good night's sleep he is in better humor for psychological investigations. And so it is with prayer. Prayer is one of the natural appetites of the soul. In prayer the soul finds food with which it nourishes its life.

Before prayer is studied in its scientific aspects let the soul commune long with God. Prayer is an instinct, a deep-seated instinct in every unspoiled heart. If it is safe to follow the hint given by a falling eyelid and postpone all study until the mind has been refreshed by sleep, so also is it safe to follow the instinct which at certain times impels us to throw a passionate wish Godward. If, then, you have your questions, pray first and leave your questions afterward. If you have your doubts, pray first, then deal with them one by one. The chemistry of prayer is interesting, but it is demoralizing if the study of it is made a substitute for lifting one's eyes to heaven and saying, "Father." In the words of Emerson, "As well might a child live without its mother's milk as a soul without prayer."

One reason why many persons have lost faith in the efficacy of prayer is because they and others have made their prayers too small. Let us discard the notion that prayer is simply asking for things. Prayer is, first of all, adoration, pouring out the soul in the presence of manifested greatness and beauty. When in the Scriptures we catch glimpses of the worship which goes on behind the veil we do not hear angel or cherubim or saint asking for things. The burden of the prayer is, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." Surely we violate no law of the universe when we adore.

Prayer is thanksgiving; it is giving something to God. It is the glory of man to be able to return thanks. Animals do not know how to feel or to say "I thank you." But to feel gratitude is human and to give expression to it is always becoming. We will not allow a boy to pick up our handkerchief for us in the street without some vocal recognition of his kindness; what shall we say of men and women who take the good things which the great God offers to them daily and turn away without ever once saying in heart or by lip, "I thank Thee"? Surely there is no law in God's universe which is transgressed by the expression of glad and genuine gratitude.

Prayer is also confession. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none righteous—no, not one. We have all broken the commandments of the Heavenly Father, and modern science has discovered nothing which renders it unreasonable for a man to say to God:—"I have sinned. I am sorry." The man who tramples on us in the street and hurries on without so much as "I beg your pardon" is put down instantly as a boor, and where does a man belong who, sinning against his Creator, never asks to be forgiven? Many a man is discontented, sour and ill at ease because he carries in his heart a load of unrepented sins.

But may we not ask for anything at all? Certainly. For we should ask for large things. Follow the prayer which the Master gave to His disciples. It has in it but one petition for an earthly good, and that petition is swallowed up in the music of the great cries that go before and that come after—the longing for the establishment of God's kingdom on the earth and the pleading for sufficient strength to come off victorious over temptation and evil.

"Darling," whispered the young bridegroom, "we are about to enter a tunnel."

"Then won't you please go and get drink of water for me, Harold," said the young bride, observing that the other passengers were watching them expectantly.—Chicago Tribune.

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Kipling Wanted His Breakfast.

Rudyard Kipling once visited Cecil Rhodes at Lekkerwijn, one of his fruit farms at Paarl, South Africa. One morning Rhodes went round his farm before breakfast, leaving his guest, who was not so energetic, behind. Time went on, and Rhodes did not appear. Hunger soon roused Kipling to action, and in a short while he was very busy on his own account. As Rhodes returned he found his trees bearing a new kind of fruit in the shape of placards inscribed in huge black letters with "Famine!" "We are starving!" "Feed us!" etc. On reaching the front door he was confronted with the following, in still larger type: "For the human race—Breakfast tones the mind, invigorates the body. It has sustained thousands; it will sustain you. See that you get it!" Then in the house, on every available wall, he came across other mysterious placards, in more and more pathetic appeal, "Why die when a little breakfast prolongs life?" "Larger and larger is the type, 'It is late; it is still later,' leading at last into the little breakfast room, where he found Kipling reading his paper in peaceful innocence, but very hungry. It did not need much ingenuity to guess the author of these broadsides.

A Heroic Physician.

A deadly plague was raging in the city of Marseilles. The doctors could do nothing, for very little was known of the disease, and the danger was rounding any inquiry into it. In a council among themselves they came to the conclusion that the corpse of a victim must be dissected, but it would be death to the operator. Upon this being decided a celebrated physician, one of their number, arose and declared that for the safety of his country he would give himself up to the task. He then immediately left the room, made his will and arranged his affairs. At day-break on the following morning he entered the house where a man had just died of the plague. Here he made a complete examination of the body, performed the necessary operations and wrote down all he observed. When this was completed he left the house, threw the notes he had made into vinegar that they might not carry infection and retired to a lonely spot. There he died within twelve hours.

MESSAGE TO THE OLD FOLKS.

Angus MacMillan Tells Them How His Stomach Troubles Vanished When He Used Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Many aged people to-day are having their declining years darkened by pains and aches and depression they wrongly charge up to their weight of years, when, in fact, it is Dyspepsia that is troubling them. To these Angus MacMillan, of Lagan, Glengarry Co., Ont., sends the following message:

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Who Are the Battenbergs?

Of the many millions of people ruled by King Edward it is very doubtful whether more than one or two hundred have a clear idea of the size of England's royal family, taking into account the descendants of King George III. The three sons of the Duke of Kent, Cumberland and Cambridge. To the great majority of people it is a complete puzzle. Even in Victorian times there were numbers of persons in this country absorbed to such an extent in minding their own business and that of their near neighbors that, though instinctively loyal to their subjects, they could never remember the names of Her Majesty's children beyond the three of the Princess Royal, the Prince of Wales and Prince Alfred.

As for Queen Victoria's grandchildren, especially those whose fathers were foreign princes, the average Briton "gave it up." If asked where the Hessians or Christians came from and whether any one of them had a chance of the English crown. As regards the young Battenbergs, a disposition prevails to-day to class all of them as belonging to Princess Beatrice, whom many benighted creatures imagine to be the mother of Princess Alice, lately betrothed to Prince Andrew of Greece.

In reality there are two Battenberg sets—three sons and one daughter, the children of the late Prince Henry and our late Queen's youngest daughter; and two sons and two daughters, the children of Prince Louis and Princess Victoria of Hesse, the latter being one of Queen Victoria's foreign granddaughters. To this second group does Princess Alice of Battenberg belong; and Princess Beatrice, instead of being her mamma, is her great-aunt and in-law connected with the interesting young people included in the two families are really German Highnesses of but minor degree; but the great affection felt for them by our late Queen seems to class them among "the rest of the royal family" as they are called in England's Established Church, and most people wish them well, even though they carry their real names and titles.

So far, only one of Queen Victoria's great-granddaughters is married—Princess Frederica of Saxemeiningen, who became Princess Henry of Battenberg in 1898, when she was nineteen years of age. Her mother, Princess Charlotte of Prussia, was younger—aged seventeen years and seven months—when she married the hereditary Prince of Saxemeiningen, by which union, as it was said, to escape from the arbitrary control of her maternal parent, the then German Crown Princess, afterwards the Empress Frederick, who, in her turn, had become a bride about two months after her seventeenth birthday.

The first of the Victorian "Four Generations" pictures represented our late Queen with these descendants, the eldest daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter; and sentimental folk to whom this group appealed were somewhat disappointed that the venerable sovereign passed away without figuring in a five-generation tableau.

Princess Alice of England, Queen Victoria's second daughter, was not hurried to the hymeneal altar so early as her elder sister, being more than nineteen years of age when she became Princess Louise of Hesse. Her eldest daughter, Victoria, was twenty-one at the time she married Prince Louis of Battenberg; and Princess Alice of Battenberg is now eighteen, and may have to wait a while before becoming a bride, her fiancé being a king's younger son, with no definite income of his own.

No photograph could be taken of these four generations—Queen Victoria, the Grand Duchess of Hesse, Victoria Princess Louise of Battenberg and Princess Alice of Battenberg—for our late sovereign's second daughter died before her eldest child was sixteen, and saw none of her family settled in life. England would probably have seen little or nothing of any Battenbergs had not the death of the Grand Duchess Alice obliged Queen Victoria to take special interest in the motherless grandchildren at Darmstadt and their German relations, with the result that this morganatic branch of the Hessian line obtained her Majesty's favorable attention and a good place in her match-making books.

Strawberry Jam.

If there is an agitation in which generalities will not do, it is the campaign against impure and adulterated foods. The average man reads of the adulterants in general use, from the aristocratic-sounding syllable acid to the homely sand in the sugar, but he isn't afraid. Providence, or an inherited good constitution will save him somehow. Nothing will break up this serene frame of mind except concrete revelations of doctored foods. Thus, says the New York "Evening Post," too wide circulation cannot be given to the revelation as that just made by the Minnesota State Dairy and Food Department about canned fruits. This is the season when the provident housewife is toiling over fragrant steaming kettles, while the jam, fresh fruit is metamorphosed into the appetizing array of jellies. It is a great trouble, and they are selling jam and jellies at the grocer's really more cheaply than you can make them. Very well. Here are preserved strawberries made from a mixture of timothy seed, glucose, acid and sugar, with flavoring and coloring matter. Raspberry jam is the same, except for the substitution of broom corn for the timothy. Picture the great caldron with the fire ready kindled. First the skilful cook pours in water. Then comes a peck of hayseed. Here is a dish fit for the most fastidious—horse. Then the thick glucose and some sugar. Last comes a dash of the nearest flavor to the strawberry that synthetic chemistry can produce. Water, bull, and caldron bubbles. It is done, and here are colored jellies with pictures of the luscious fruit. Sixteen dealers have been prosecuted in Minnesota, since January 1 for selling preserves of this general class as "pure."

Grand Larceny.

A daring theft: Jack wrought last night On dainty little Rose. He stole the thing he wanted right Beneath her very nose.—Philadelphia "Press."

"Rather a bore, isn't it?" remarked the first man, at a reception. "It is so," replied the other. "I'd sneak out if I could, but my wife would be so angry. She's a friend of the husband's. I'd sneak out, too, but my wife would be furious. She's the hostess!"

THE NEW REPUBLIC

PANAMA, WHICH SECEDED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

How the Revolution Came About—Preceded by Refusal of Senate at Bogotá to Ratify the Can-I Treaty—Intrigues of the United States—Other States May Join the Movement—Water Front of Panama.

The revolution on the Isthmus of Panama, which resulted in the capture of the department of Panama by revolutionists and the forming of a new republic, was brought about because of alleged intrigues by United Statesers playing upon the passions of the inhabitants of the isthmus over the rejection of the Panama Canal treaty by the Colombian Congress.

It is believed that the adjoining states of Cauca, Bolivar and Magdalena will join with the revolution-



ists and that the new republic will consist of those states and Panama. The treaty by which the United States guarantee free traffic across the isthmus was made, with New Granada, in 1846 and promulgated two years later. In 1882 New Granada became the United States of Colombia, and in 1890 the name was again changed to the Republic of Colombia.

The new republic of Panama has an area of 31,571 square miles and a population of 504,773. The territory to be embraced in the new state will extend to the Costa Rican boundary on the west, a distance of 225 miles from Panama city, and to a point some 295 miles east, making the new republic about 450 miles in length.

It seems to more than a mere coincidence that the United States Government has a stronger force on the isthmus than it has ever had there before, nearly 8,000 men being there or in the immediate vicinity. The Atlanta, with 400 men; the Nashville, with 260, and the Dixie, with 800 to 1,000 are on the Colon side of the isthmus, while the Boston, with 400; the Concord, with 250; the Wyoming, with 400, and the Marblehead, with 300, will be stationed at Panama.

Dr. Manuel Amador, the leading physician of Panama, was the chief of the revolutionary movement.



GENERAL HUERTAS, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

which is said to have been worked out by him and his associates in his residence.

The flag of the Republic of Panama consists of four squares. The first upper square to the left is blue, the first lower square to the left is white, with a blue star in the center; the second upper square is white, with a red star in the center, and the second lower square is red.

A provisional Government has been formed by prominent citizens of the isthmus, and it has been recognized by the United States and France.

Colombia, it is said, has almost no chance to go to war over the isthmus situation. Her treasury has been exhausted by the long internal war she has just undergone, and she lost 100,000 men in the late revolution, concluded only last year. She has no navy and can get troops to Panama only by sea.



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