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THE USE OF MEANS AND PRAYER. For most persons there is no conflict between these two. They go together hand in hand—the use of means and the seeking for the divine blessing. In natural affairs they must surely do. No one in his senses would think of praying for a harvest with-out scattering the seed. Strangely lacking in appreciation of the demands God makes upon us all would he be who should pray for delly bread and make no effort of his own to secure it. In the religious realm the same principle holds good, and no one rightly ac usted feels that he does despite o the true idea of praying by at the same time making use of means.

This, however, is precisely what is taught as now by that mingling of religion s healing called "Christian Science." One of this sect, in writing againt the decision of a Pennsylvania Judge not to grant a charter to the Christian Science church, says: "He cannot have a sufficiently strong faith in God for divine healing why gives power to lesser things. This is as certain and demonstrable as a mathematical rule. Our good Judge might just as well have said, 'You shall not pray at all' as to have said, 'You may pray if you use medicine'. A essential part of prayer is implicit trust in God. Praying must be consistent.' It is difficult to see how anyone can be sincere and give form to an uterance such as the preceding. It would seem as though God on every side would controvert the position as umed. On every side he seems to indicate to us that means are to be used in conjunction with prayer. Why has he put remedies in herb and chemical substances, if he did not intend them to be used? Why doses he give skill to the physician by nature and by training, if that skill is not to be called "poor' No. prayer and means are to go tegether. The old Poritan solder laid down a general and eternal truth when be exhorted his men to "trust in God and keep their powderdry.' Confidence in the Divine and human endeawor are yoked unbreakably together. "Work out (vior gal lines) your own salvation, for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his own go dipleasure." Ceristian Science is wrong, for it is opposed to universal laws as laid down for us by the hand of God.—Commonwealth. charter to the Christian Science church,

#### NINE THINGS TO REMEMBER.

- 1. Remember that everything that is alive can feel. Sometimes there are too many insects, and they have to be killed. When they must die, kill them as quickly and mercifully as you can,
- Remember that cruelty grows like other sins, if not che ked.
- 3 Remember that to take pleasure in seeing auimals hurt or kille i shows something terribl . wrong in our nature.
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  4. Remember your pe's—if you keep any—and see that they do not starve while you live in plenty.

  5. Remember that cats and dogs want freeh water always where they can get it.

  6. Boys who drive donkeys or horses should remember that they must go slowly when they have loads to dreg and that the poor animals are made of flesh and should not be hurt. Angry words frighten and wear them out. Use the whip as little as possible, and encourage them with kind words.

  7. When you feel inclined to throw stones at living creatures, stop and think:
- 7. When you feel inclined to throw stones at living creatures, stop and think: "How should I like to be bruised, and to get my bones broken 'just for fun?'" The boy who hurts or teases small, weak animals, robs nests or gives pain to gentle creatures, is a coward
- 8 Remember that the girl who wears
  feathers in her hat, taken from a bird killed on purpose, is doing a cruel thing,
  9 Remember that every kind word we
  say, makes us better than we were before,
  —Youth's Companion.

### THE MINISTRY OF TEARS.

Thank God, bless God, all ye who suffer

not
More grief than ye can weep for. That is
well—
That is ligh's grieving; ligh'er none hefell
Since Adam forfeited the primal lot.
Terrs? What are tears? The babe weeps
in its cot.

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The worker stinging; at her marriage bell
The bride weeps; and before the oracle
Of high-faned hills the poet has forgot
Such moisture on his cheeks. Thank God
for grace,
Ye who weep only! If as some have done,
Ye grope tear-biluded in a desert place,
And touch but tombs—look up! Those
tears will run
Soon in long rivers down the lifted face,
And leave the vision clear for stars and
sun.
—Rilasbeth Barrett Browning.