

PRAY FOR ALL.

BY VICTOR HUGO.

Pray thou for all who living tread  
Upon this earth of graves;  
For all whose weary pathways lead  
Among the winds and waves;  
For him who madly takes delight  
In pomp of silken mantle bright,  
Or swiftness of a horse:  
For those who laboring, suffer still;  
Coming or going—doing ill—  
Or on their heavenward course.

Pray thou for him who nightly sins  
Until the day dawns bright—  
Who at eve's hour of prayer begins  
His dance and banquet light:  
Whose impious orgies wildly ring,  
Whilst pious hearts are offering  
Their prayers at twilight dim;  
And who, those vespers all forgot,  
Pursues his sin, and thinketh not  
God also heareth him.

Child pray for all the poor beside;  
The prisoner in his cell,  
And those who in the city wide  
With crime and misery dwell;  
For the wise sage who thinks and dreams;  
For him who impiously blasphemous  
Religion's holy law.

Pray thou—for prayer is infinite—  
Thy faith may give the scorner light,  
Thy prayer forgiveness draw.

NEWS.

**STATISTICS.**—Statistics are in general a dry, but not unprofitable, branch of political economy. Without constant reference thereto, it is vain to seek for any true information as to the state of a country, and legislation which is not based on a perfect knowledge thereof must be valueless and ill-directed; they are, as it were, the foundation of legislation, and one fact demonstrated thereby is worth volumes of fine drawn sophistical arguments. We have often had occasion to note the great deficiency of statistical information with regard to Canada; of its resources, agriculture, and commerce, little is really known: the population and census returns are so carelessly taken and so badly arranged that they afford no general guide, and such is the fear of taxation that people hesitate to give the assessors correct reports; and to the shame of those in whose hands the matter is, year after year is allowed to pass away without even an effort being made for amelioration. Political knowledge, with our statesmen of all parties, seems limited to the trickery of office.—to get in, all the object of "the outs," to stay in, all the anxiety of "the ins." Look at the accuracy of statistical information in England, and the use made of its facts in the debates in Parliament, and you will see in how great a degree all legislation is based thereon; without a thorough knowledge of this branch of policy, it is impossible that either the wants or wishes of the people can be legislated upon; it is like the attempting to steer a vessel in a direct course without chart or compass.—*Cobourg Star.*

**TRADE TABLES OF THE UNITED STATES.**—From tables for the year ending June 30th, 1845, we fine the following items:

Total exports,	£28,661,651 10
Total imports,	29,313,641 0
Balance against the States,	£ 651,989 10
Exports to England,	15,261,135 15
Imports from England,	12,475,931 5
Balance in favor of States,	£2,785,202 10

Thus we see that the States export to England and her dependencies more than one-half of her whole export trade, and receive very nearly the like amount of imports; with France the balance against the States is nearly 1½ million £. The amount of domestic produce exported is £24,824,944, and of foreign produce, £3,836,707 10s.

In 1843, the balance in favor of U. S.,	£4,898,170 0
1844, " " " "	691,278 0
1845, " against " "	651,989 10

**MR. O'CONNELL.**—The London papers have told us repeatedly, of late, that the physical energies of this remarkable old man were rapidly and suddenly falling; and their report is confirmed by a London correspondent of the *New York Observer*, who, describing a public meeting, says:—"The cause of all this tumultuous noise was the entrance of an old man muffled up in a great coat, and wearing a large

brown wig, who appeared enfeebled and broken by age, and slowly made his way to the platform through the dense concourse, who divided to let him pass. It was Daniel O'Connell! The few hisses which were heard here and there when the cheering partially subsided for an instant were the signal for new and if possible still louder and more vehement outbursts, which lasted till the tottering old man reached the platform, and after bowing respectfully, with his hand on his heart, he sat down. "As soon as the cheering had sufficiently subsided, he commenced speaking. The stillness was perfect. What a change since I last saw and heard him at Exeter Hall! His form, then erect, now bent together; his voice, whose lively, rich, and varied tones used to fill every corner of that hall, now monotonous and grave, and withal so low that though seated on the platform, I was unable to catch more than half that he said; his action—formerly full of energy, elasticity, and grace—gone. This great change has come over him suddenly and rapidly. His day is gone by. Ireland must seek another champion."

**THE WASTE IN WAR.**—Give me the money that has been spent in war, and I will purchase every foot of land on the globe: I will clothe every man, woman, and child, in an attire that kings and queens might be proud of: I will build a school-house in every valley over the earth; I will supply that school-house with a competent teacher: I will build an academy in every town, and endow it—a college in every State, and fill it with able professors: I will crown every hill with a church consecrated to the promulgation of the gospel of peace: I will support in its pulpit an able teacher of righteousness, so that on every Sabbath morning the chime on one hill shall answer to the chime on another. around the earth's broad circumference, and the voice of prayer, and the song of praise, shall ascend as one universal offering to heaven.

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