

CHRISTIAN MEASURES.

A Christian pound weighs sixteen ounces, and is at least evenly balanced.

A Christian yard is thirty-six inches, and is not shortened by the handling of the stick.

A Christian ton is two thousand pounds, and is not roughly judged, but conscientiously weighed.

A Christian bushel contains two thousand two hundred and eighteen cubic inches, and is filled brimful.

A Christian day's work is ten hours, and is diligently and faithfully engaged in the employer's business.

A Christian bargain or sale is one in which there is neither cheating for profit nor lying for gain.—*Living Epistle.*

PREVAILING PRAYERS.—A Christian Mother, who had a son that had gone off in a vicious course, and deserted and otherwise cruelly treated her, was lying upon her death-bed. When asked if she entirely forgave the erring boy, she replied: "How could a mother do anything but forgive? But I know, moreover, that God will forgive him." And then, in response to an inquiry as to the ground of her confidence, she said: "Ah! sir, one to whom so many tearful prayers cleave will never be suffered to perish."

What a soul-tranquilizing assurance! Petitions, for Christ's sake, in behalf of the wandering, go up as delightful incense to the throne of God. There is power in the soul-wrestling of a Christian relative. Let saved hearts bind their dear ones round about with believing, tearful, importunate prayers. Send them up with strong confidence, based upon the divine promises. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—*Selected.*

MAKE HOME HAPPY.—Readings, declamations, pantomimes, simple games, acting and rehearsals, are all innocent amusements, and can be enjoyed at home with far less expense than to go abroad for them. This course will give you the love and confidence of your children, which you must have to serve them well, and make them feel that home is the best place in the world. It is the course that will save your sons from the haunts of vile companions, and your daughters from being enticed, through the hope of pleasure, into rude and forbidden ways. Your young folks will have fun and frolic, and if you make them leave it outside of your dwelling, they will go out to find it and enjoy it. Home, then, is the safest and most profitable place for amusements. Here bring your music, your gambols and carols; here let the merry voices ring in social merriment, while you, if you have cares and sorrows to weigh down your heart during the day, lay them apart from yourself for the time, and put on a glad spirit, and live over again your gay and happy hours. It's no use to carry a sad face always, and it is not right to cloud the sunshine of the young heart. A child without a childhood, a youth without youth, is a sad picture for the world to look upon.—*Selected.*

A witty Frenchman sends to a Paris paper a protest purporting to come from the Chimpanzee in the Jardin des Plantes, who complains that from every group of visitors he hears the same comment: "Why, it is just like a man!" He denies the impeachment, and alleges as a few of various reasons, that "The Chimpanzee never was known to gamble in stocks; that the Chimpanzee never was known to pass its life in making itself hideous and ridiculous, under the pretext of fashion; and that the Chimpanzee never eats without hunger, nor drinks without thirst.