

to all exertions, and to brave all dangers, and to struggle against all or any of the laws of nature that may be causing suffering or death. Nor in the case of prayer are the objects attained at all mechanically commensurate with the activities set in motion. We have all seen how the prayer of a few captives, wrongfully held in durance by some barbarous potentate, may move mighty nations, and cause them to pour out millions of their treasure, to send men and material of war over land and sea, to sacrifice hundreds of lives, in order that a just and proper prayer may be answered. In such a case we see how the higher law overrides the lower, and may cause even frightful suffering and loss of life, in order that a moral or spiritual end may be gained. Are we to suppose, then, that the only Being in the universe who cannot answer prayer is that One who alone has all power at his command? The weak theology which professes to believe that prayer has merely a subjective benefit, is infinitely less scientific than the action of the child who confidently appeals to a Father in heaven.—*Principal Dawson.*

SAYINGS OF REV. SAM P. JONES.

We pray to God; we go on our knees to Him and have made Him promises and have told Him lies until He don't believe a word we say. Is it a fact that we are daily dallying with God?

I never saw a card-playing Christian that amounted to anything in the Church; you fellows that play cards and belong to the Church, look around you and see how much you amount to in the moral vineyard.

I believe in real, practical, everyday religion, and wouldn't give the snap of my finger for any other kind. A religion that makes you live right, act right, talk right, pay your debts and obey God's commands.

I never saw a revival but a great many crippled and lame ones came in. They can never get to heaven alone. Do you know that? One of you stand under one shoulder and another under the other shoulder of these poor cripples, and help them along to glory. Be their crutches, and when they get to heaven you will be there too. The noblest attitude of a Christian is to be a prop to some helpless one. The only way to keep from backsliding ourselves is to work to keep others from backsliding.

Superficial religion will always be fashionable because it does not require self-denial. A man may be outwardly religious, and yet be a private tippler, but he cannot be a true Christian at that rate.—*Spurgeon.*