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### PETITIONS.

THE following intentions are recommended to the fervent prayers of our charitable readers: A friend troubled with brain disease; a brother who is addicted to drink; X. Y. Z. wants prayers for restoration to health for herself and sister and some special spiritual graces; that brothers may cease drinking and obtain steady work; that a mother may get the means to pay her debts; that a father may stop drinking; that an aunt may give up the same vice; for peace in the family; that news may be received of a brother who has been missing for 11 years; that T. B. may obtain employment and that his sister may recover the use of a limb; Mrs. M. E. P. asks prayers that she may be restored to health, or spared a little while longer until her child grows up; Mrs. M. C. asks prayers that her husband may obtain work; Anna M. asks prayers for a special intention and that a poor girl may obtain good work; K. A. W. asks prayers for a special intention; for a little son troubled with a running ear; for a safe delivery; for patience with children; Miss E. M. asks prayers that her insane

father may be restored or that God may call him to Himself, also that an abscess which troubles her sister may disappear; Miss B. C. asks prayers that her sister, who is inclined to be wild, may have a change of heart, also that her brother give up drink and become a good Catholic, and for herself, that her vocation may be made easy to attain; prayers are also asked for the speedy recovery of Mrs. M. O'D.; for several very particular intentions of J., Toronto, Ont.; for Mrs. J. O'G., Tralee, Ont.; Miss L. E. asks prayers for a cure of deafness in her mother; also for satisfactory settlement of a suit; prayers are asked also for the father of a family that he may give over drinking, get a good situation and attend to his religious duties; for three other men, that they may reform and get good situations and pay their debts; for a mother that her health may be restored; for a husband that he may fully recover from a nervous attack and succeed in his undertaking and lead a pious life; that a business transaction may be decided for the best; for peace in a family; R. B. asks prayers for a situation; fervent prayers are asked to obtain the grace for a friend to go to Communion, not later than Easter; prayers are asked for a young person to be cured from a nervous attack and become strong; for four men to obtain situations, pay their debts and go to their duty for the New Year; for a brother to persevere in his good resolutions; for a mother's health to be restored; that money stolen may be restored; for the prosperity of a young man in his profession.

### Letter of Thanksgiving.

DEAR FATHERS:—According to a promise made to our good Mother of Mount Carmel that if she brought me safe through my sickness I would send five dollars to the building fund of the Hospice, I herewith enclose the five dollars with an earnest prayer for your success.—Mrs. M. C., —, Que.

THE rejection of the mysteries of Christianity will not eliminate the element of mystery from life.

EVERY fragment of human life will illuminate the teaching of the Bible, and no single race can exhaust it.

A MORAL downfall may be sudden at the last, but it is the result of habits long before implanted and fostered.

THE best preacher is the man who touches the heart and thus influences the life. No man can preach effectively what he does not himself feel.