

safely descended on the deck; and straightening himself up, with a smile on his face, walked to the stern of the ship.

"What did you go below for, when ordered aloft?" asked a passenger of the brave boy.

"I went—to pray, sir," replied the boy with a blush, and a slight quiver of the lip, as he turned away.

Who among my readers are as brave and thoughtful in the time of danger or temptation?

## SUNDAY PRAYERS FOR 1883.

### MORNING.

BLESSED LORD, who as on this holy day didst rise from the dead, give us grace to rise from sin and to live to Thy glory. Let us rest from worldly work and worldly care, and make us, O Lord, this day joyful in Thy house of prayer. Let us truly and humbly confess our sins, and do Thou blot out all those sins in Thine own precious blood. Feed our bodies with needful food, and our souls with the bread of Thy Word. Give to my Pastor, grace to preach the Gospel with zeal and success. By Thy earthly Sabbaths prepare us for an endless Sabbath above, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, Thou dost reign for ever. Amen.

### EVENING.

We thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, for the rest of another Sabbath, and before we lie down to sleep, we give ourselves anew to Thee. Forgive our wandering thoughts in prayer, forgive our coldness in praise. Let the seed of Thy Word which has been sown to-day spring up in our hearts, and bring forth a hundred fold the

fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Let us live unto Thee, and with Thee rise to endless glory. Grant this for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Our Father, etc.

## THE SEVEN WORKS OF MERCY.

### *Bodily.*—

Visit, give drink, give meat, redeem the slave,  
Clothe, tend the sick, and lay the dead in grave.

### *Spiritual.*—

Counsel, rebuke, instruct in wisdom's way,  
Console, forgive, endure unmoved, and pray.

## THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS.

Pride, Envy, Anger, Gluttony, Covetousness, Lust, and Sloth.

## THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Ghostly strength, Knowledge, True Godliness, The fear of the Lord.

## CHURCH HISTORY.

### LESSON II.—THE WORLD'S NEED.

Q. What was the condition of the world when Christ came?

A. It was full of ignorance and sin.

Q. What were the chief races or peoples?

A. The Romans, Grecians and Jews.

Q. Which of them had any knowledge of God?

A. The Jews alone.

Q. Where did the Jews for the most part reside?