

matter of their delusions, though in all other matters they may display excellent sense and judgment.

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### PRAYING.

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A number of ministers—not priests—were assembled for the discussion of difficult questions, and among others it was asked how the command to “pray without ceasing” could be complied with. Various suppositions were stated, and at length one of the number was appointed to write an essay upon it, to be read at the next monthly meeting, which, being overheard by a female servant, she exclaimed: “What, a whole month wanted to tell the meaning of that text? It is one of the easiest and best texts in the Bible.” “Well, well, Mary,” said one old minister, “what can you say about it? Let us know how you understand it; can you pray all the time?” O, yes, sir.” What! when you have so many things to do?” “Why, sir, the more I have to do, the more I can pray.” Indeed; well, Mary, do let us know how it is, for most people think otherwise?” “Well, sir,” said the girl, “when I open my eyes in the morning, I pray, Lord, open the eyes of my understanding; and while I am dressing, I pray that I may be clothed with the robe of righteousness; and when I have washed me, I ask for the washing of regeneration; and as I begin work, I pray that I may have strength equal to my day; when I kindle the fire, I pray that God’s work may revive in my soul; and as I sweep out the house, I pray that my heart may be cleansed from all impurities; and while preparing and partaking of breakfast, I desire to be fed with the sincere milk of the word and with the hidden manna; and as I am busy with the little children, I look up to God as my father, and pray for the spirit of adoption, that I may be his child—and so on all day; everything I do furnishes me with a thought of prayer.” “Enough, enough,” cried the old divine; “these things are re-

vealed to babes, and often hid from the wise and prudent.”

“Go on, Mary,” said he, “pray without ceasing; and as for us, my brethren, let us bless the Lord for His exposition, and remember that he has said, “the meek He will guide in all judgment.

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Phil.*, iv., 6 7. “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.” *John* i., 29. “Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.” *Acts* iii., 12.

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### TENNYSON AND FRIENDS.

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Speaking recently at St. James’s Hall, London, on Tennyson. Hugh Price Hughes took occasion to animadvert upon the poet’s attitude towards the Quakers, as shown in “Maud,” and added: “By that he showed his ignorance of the splendid and imperishable services which the Society of Friends have rendered the human race. I venture to say, and face to face with history I challenge contradiction, that the little company of Friends organized by George Fox has rendered greater service to humanity and has done more to promote world wide happiness, than all the soldiers since the world began.”

There were made in this country in the year 1883, 3,177,860,952 cigars, about forty for every pound of tobacco used. We have imported about 35,000,000, a total of about 3,212,000,000, or 60 for every man, woman and child in the United States, and 250 for every man over 21 years of age. More money is spent for cigars alone than for the education of children in all the common schools.