over his eyes, gave the sergeant the word to start, and they were off, going fast over the well-packed and frozen road. He saw, yet did not fully sense, a little boy on a sled, who was driving a splendid dog and who was just passing the fort as his own sleigh took the road. Presently the child was left far behind and the man was speeding toward the nearest railroad station. Arrived there, the lieutenant dismissed the orderly and looked at his watch. Seeing that the train was due in seven minutes, he began to walk up and down the road that ran parallel with the track. So deep in thought was he that he was oblivious of time, and it was not until a sound in the distance arrested his attention that he looked again at his watch and found that the train was now twenty minutes late. At the same moment he beheld coming toward him on the single track of the railroad a small hand car worked by the station agent. The man brought the car close to him, alighted and proceeded to impart his news:

'Sorry, sir, but there has been a wreck a mile up the line at Canyon Creek. Nobody hurt, but it will be impossible for the train to get through until tomorrow."

David Francis stood still. What was he to do? This little station was only a junction with a single track. The one daily train carried passengers to a station fifteen miles distant where they could catch a Northern Pacific express train at 10 p.m. which connected with a fast train for Omaha. There was also a train going the other way half an hour later, which took passengers for Seattle and San Francisco. The agent was still talking. "I believe I can help you, Lieutenant Francis," he said. I have a cutter here and a good horse. If you take it you can get to Weston in time for the evening train east. You may leave the cutter at the livery in Weston and I will send my eldest boy by train in a day or

While the agent was talking David Francis decision was made. Since he had so many hours to wait he would would drive back to the fort, spend the evening with Stella, and then drive to Weston in time for the late Coming back so unexpectedly and just when her heart would be breaking, might he not be able to bend her will to his and make her consent to marry him after all, leaving the question of religion as a side

He turned to the waiting agent. "I will accept your offer," he said. is an easy way out of a serious difficulty and my thanks are yours."

So the man went for his horse and any doubt that David Francis might have had of the animal's endurance was allayed. It was a splendid specimen, perfectly fresh, and over good roads could easily make the five miles to the fort and the ten miles back to Weston. With renewed thanks and generous payment to the station master, the lieutenant sprang into the cutter and a moment later he

The officer was only two miles from the fort when his progress was abruptly halted. "Monsieur," said a clear little voice, "Monsieur, will you help with my dog?

Reining in his horse suddenly, the boy he had passed on the road separated." more than an hour ago. Jumping out of the cutter he approached the child, spoke to him, and presently was examining the dog's injured leg. Recognizing a friend, Wolf licked his and gave a grateful whimper.

"You must come to the fort with me, boy," said Lieutenant Francis. 'I can carry you all in the cutter and Sergeant Collins will set and

Jean Baptiste saluted respectfully, ut he had other plane. "Monsieur," but he had other plane. he said, and there was an inflexible tone in the little voice, "I and my dog must go on to the Reservation where Father Andre will say the midnight Mass. It is, of all things, most ne essary, Monsieur, and I beg you to take us. Only five miles, Monsieur. Your horse will make it quickly and you can soon be back at

Impossible, child, I have to catch a train at Weston and have several other things to do first."

Ah, then, Monsieur, I must walk. If you will take my dog and sled to the fort I will go on to the Reservation at once. It is to be my first Communion at the midnight Mass, Monsieur, and I must not miss

David Francis stood still, gazing down at the child, in his heart a rush of memories, pure and sweet. The unexpected had happened. Trained by military discipline, reason and will responded, driving away the will responded, driving away the will indifference of years and over would heal the wounds and sores. It heartening a discouraged world, would heal the wounds and sores. The reason that they can radiate would heal the wounds and sores the respondence of the respondenc whelming his heart with shame for his lost faith. He saw himself, a lad which numerous reform quacks are fellows are excluding glcom is their ity? his lost faith. He saw himself, a lad of ten years, in the Sisters' Convent in vain trying to cure. Some say, we faith is the efficacy of the Holy need more laws; others, more battle. Chapel at Omaha, ready for his own first Communion. Above all he saw, as he turned from the altar rail after receiving the Sacred Host, the sweet face of his mother. How she had prayed for him that day. How she had prayed for him that day had severely analyzed the real need of our first control of the mass, the means that "comprehen our Saviour left among men for the holy our Saviour left among men for the individuals, the strength of nations, and the amelioration out the world. That grand liturgy our times. What we need is more that the efficacy of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the means that "comprehen our Saviour left among men for the siveness" which to earnest seekers to the truth. Certain clergymen of the mass, the means that "comprehen our Saviour left among men for the siveness" which to earnest seekers to the Holy our saviour left among men for the siveness which to earnest form of that "comprehen our Saviour left among men for the siveness" which to earnest form of that "comprehen our Saviour left among men for the siveness" which to earnest seekers to the Holy our saviour left among men for the siveness to the truth. Certain clergymen of the mass, the means that "comprehen our Saviour left among men for the siveness" which to earnest seekers to the truth. Certain clergymen of the mass, the means that "comprehen our Saviour left among men for the siveness" which to earnest seekers to the Holy our saviour left among men for the siveness" which to earnest seekers to the Holy our saviour left among men for the siveness. The saviour left among men for the siveness which to earnest the course of the Holy our saviour left among men for the siveness. The saviour left among men for the siveness which to earnest the saviour left among men for the saviour left among men for the siveness. The saviour left among men for the saviour left among men for the siveness an

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softly and in his excitement lapsed into French. "Merci, Mensieur," he into French.

said, "Merci."
"Well, then, jump in and I will
"Well, then, jump in and I will put your sled on the fleor in front of us and your dog on top of the

Jean Baptiste needed no urging. Quickly he sprang into the cutter and in two minutes they were off. So good was the road that they covered the five miles in twenty minutes, all of which twenty minutes were occupied by Jean Baptiste in a stream of chatter to his new found friend.

Reaching the Reservation they drove first to the hospital where the lieutenant left Wolf in charge of one of the Sisters who said she could set his broken foot. Then they turned into a road that present Chapel, ablaze with light. A moment later they were at the door, just as Father Andre emerged from the him and proceeded to explain every-thing, voicing his gratitude to the new found friend who had so gener-ously postponed his own plans to help him, Jean Baptiste, to make his of work; it will flow over upon your first Communion at the proper business tracsactions. You will see time.

David Francis found himself shaking hands with the priest and accepting his invitation to enter the Chapel and get warm by the stove before returning to the fort. Once inside, the priest turned a keen glance on his guest. What he saw glance on his guest. What he saw of tragedy in the brown eyes was enough. "You are a Catholic, my who does not pray does not become who does not pray does not become enough. "You son?" he asked.

It was early. No one else was in the church save a Sister who was busy putting the final touches to the altar, so the priest made a quick decision.

Then come to confession and stay for the midnight Mass. What! You finally disappears. The spiritual would like to do so, but you must realities take on a greater vividness fast express two hours after mid-night. I will accompany you in the the value from the things that in the morning. So you see, my son, all difficulties are gone."

Thus did David Francis make his od priest farewell.

in the wilderness.'

' A little child shall lead them,' are used to confound the wise.

leaving her.

there is now nothing between us. It library of political economy.—Cathoyou can write me, as I think you will lie Standard and Times. the one word 'come.' I will be with you as soon as I can get leave from David Francis looked for the owner my new command. Ah! my beloved, of the voice. In the semi-darkness I see now, thank God, before it is the descried a small boy standing in the road nearby and a sled and a dog that was plainly in distress. In a flash he remembered that this was a true Catholic the two can never be

#### THE SOCIAL VALUE OF PRAYER

The power of prayer cannot easily less trouble of every kind. A prayer lubricating oil, it makes the whole is headed to chaos and ruin.
machinery of life run more gently
Those who are optimists if and prevents heat generating friction.

especially to inaugurate the custom of home devotions in the family circle. If the practice of family prayer became general, a new era of the control of the world.

Here is a fact in the life of the control of the co prayer became general, a new era of religious fervor and moral regenerations of the recken. Here is a mighty force recken. Here is a mighty force for hope, for victory and for

Jean Baptiste clapped his hands and fill it with gladness. If it is the scene of quarrels and a theatre of strife, prayer will banish the jarring discords and bring harmony and peace. As a restorer of peace, prayer has never been surpassed. It should be kept in the home for ready use. In a home in which all the members

of the family gather nightly for common worship, a bitter feud cannot arise, a rankling grudge cannot continue. The daily prayer wipes out the little scores and keeps the slate clean. It sweetens the mutual relations of those that live together and applies a healing oint. ment to the little sores caused by

human contacts. Prayer is the deadly enemy of selfishness. You may start to pray just for yourself. But you will not keep it up for long. Soon your heart will expand. You will extend your y brought them in sight of the little prayers to others. A broader vision comes to you. Your narrowness and selfishness embarraes you in the presence of God Who is the Father Jean Baptiste quickly hailed of all. Generous instincts, fine impulses will begin to stir in your soul. That pobler attitude of your moments of prayer will go with you into life; it will accompany you into the hours business transactions. You will see together, labor troubles would vanish from the earth. A tot of people are afraid of prayer; they know it would make them better and they are not yet ready to be better.

Prayer reveals our desires and purifies them. Men do not dare to pray for mean and base things. When they pray often, what is mean in them shrinks into the background and finally disappears. The spiritual Weston? There is another train a source of strife among men, loses its paramount importance. Prayer takes cutter and then drive back and divide men and, therefore, makes for return it to the station master early social peace. Men of prayer do not care to fight over the spoils of this earth.

The common prayer in the home confession and receive his Christmas brings a peaceful atmosphere that ticular appeal.

Communion with the happy Jean clings to the walls like a delightful The National Baptiste, who understood that some. fragrance. It softens the hardships thing important had happened. At of poverty. It makes the inequali-2 o'clock on Christmas morning ties of life bearable. It makes a man Lieutenant Francis stood on the look up to heaven and not to the station platform at Weston, telling richer possessions of his neighbor; and hence, it does not allow envy "I think, Father," he said, "that I have heard the voice of one crying hears. It makes one content with little and makes that little look like something for which it is worth my son. It is the Christmas lesson while to be thankful. To cure that the weak things of this world socialist unrest, to allay class consciousness, to temper the arro-It was three o'clock on Christmas gance of the rich, to curb the powermorning when David Francis, the ful and to promote a happy under-curtains of his berth closely drawn, standing among men, no better the light turned on, wrote the letter means can be found than prayer. to Stella Trevor that was to turn her By bringing us into communion with sorrow into joy. Graphically he described all his experiences after men. The "Our Father" is worth more to society than the best pro-"And so, Stells," he wrote, "surely gramme of social reform and a whole

#### TREASURE TROVE

Purveyors of pessimism seem to have taken possession of the magazines in this after the war period. They are fond of painting the con-temporary picture in gloomisst and the decay of faith. Such jers-miads do not help us much. They mood that they are attempting to be overstated. If there was more correct. Although the failure of truth, delivered once for all by Christ prayer in the world, there would be their pet predictions has discredited Jesus. There may, possibly, be conbind up your dog's broken foot so irons out many difficulties and that it will soon be well."

irons out many difficulties and some of them still persist in warning man who sees the essential truth that it will soon be well."

man who sees the essential truth us in sepulchral tones that the world is the last to hearly over non-

few that have not sometime in their the universal lamentations to strike grieved his captive mind.

In the work of reunion, the Proposers I is a great pity that so powerful an instrument of ready relief in many trials and mistryness in the strike of hope. They do not believe with one gloomy prophet that a jaced cynicism has taken the place part that is prominent, even if unin many trials and misfortunes is not of spiritual faith. They see spiritual in many trials and misfortunes is not of spiritual faith. They see spiritual promising. It may seem unkind to better known and not more generally faith made gloriously manifest every is nark that some of the schemes used.

To make her children more familiar with the potency of prayer and to inure them to its daily practice, the Church, kind and thoughtful mother that she is, has set aside a season of prayer, in which she invites all to the prayer, in which she invites all to the prayer in that the presented by its clergymen exhibit a slowness of comprehension that is astonishing. Surely, it should be by their attitude and by their actions not pessimism but Christian hope in God and in His Divine Providence. prayer, in which she invites all to give more time to divine service and our Cathelic Churches are the strong.

Hence the millions of devout woron Sundays but on every day of the reordination in his church, which contains inexhaustible stores which contains inexhaustible stores of spiritual wealth. From this Church of the Ascension, well known for his approval some years ago of what the New York Sun termed what the New York Sun termed "Paradway highball marriages," goes every benefit spiritual and temporal, cure for diseases of the heart and of the soul antidotes for discourage. Nicene Creed and the Athanasian the soul antidotes for discourage. good and deterrents from evil.

One Mass and "the flood gates As for the Apostles Creed, "no open, and grace comes leaping forth mature and educated man today can in one mighty cataract, sweeping over the souls of priest and servers, over the souls of the faithful present, the outer world, bringing refreshing draughts to the parched souls in Purgatory. One Mass and the priest goes forth more eagerly to labor in the vineyard. One Mass with different eyes. If we could get and the children rise up more, the employer and the employe to pray resolved than ever to love and obey offices. Do they speak for their those placed over tham. One Mass and youth is mightily strengthened ited spokesmen? That is a ques against rapidly growing temptations.
One Mass and a man determines not copal Church, boasting its com-

It was in the Mass the Virgin gained her undying love of purity, the Martyr his unbounded courage, the Confessor his zeal for souls. It is in the Mass, our Catholic people guardian of revelation, and a graphing the faith the strength of the confessor with the strength of the confessor with the strength of the confessor with ings and he goes on tostering them. is in the Mass, our Catholic people are gaining the faith, the strength, and the courage to stand forth cheerful optimists against the jaded cynicism and chill hopelessness of nodern materialism.—The Pilot.

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#### REUNION IN NEW YORK

The reunion of Christ's children, so colors. They speak of the wreck of that there may be but one flock and the world, the scrapping of ideals, one shapherd, is a hope dear to every Catholic heart. The horis of raunion every Catholic knows. tend rather to engender the very There will be no paltering with heresy, for heresy is treason to the many of these weeping prophets, cessions in minor matters. But the some of them still persist in warning man who sees the essential truth is the last to haggle over non-Those who are optimists if not by essentials. He is so filled with temperament, at least by faith, know gratitude for his delivery from the When other helps fail, prayer proves a most effective remedy. There are few that have not sometime in their the universal lamentations to strike grieved his captive mind.

this fundamental fact, other considerations which should indicate to the Protestant Episc pal Church that it presents no cefinite creed which might be considered, even academically, as a possible basis of reunion. What does this Church believe? Who can answer tracted world. Home prayer is the very antidote against the evils of our human betterment, inspiring and since some of its authorized reprefor the Protestant Episcopal Church, centatives flout as nonsense what other representat ves, equally authorized, hold as essential to Christian-

New York probably exhibits the prayed for him ever since, and how could he have lost his belief when he had such a mother. He looked again at the sturdy little figure and wistful face in front of him. "Child," he said quietly, "I will take you and your dog and sled to the Reservation as you say. My horse is fresh and sound and it will not take long."

Sourt imes. What we need is more prayer into a home in which prayer into a home in which prayer has been unknown and that distant days of Christ's Coming, calls up the trials and the co quests of centuries, recites the battles, the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or settles the battles, the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains on the discouragements, and the subsequent terms or not what remains or the which they assist is hoary with age. It sweeps the mind back the nor discouragements and the co quests of Christ's Coming, call sup the trials and the co quests of centuries, call at which they assist is hoary with say Mass daily. Certain others

Mass is the Sacrifice of Calvary carried on through the ages. The same Victim Who lay bleeding on the Cross, lies a Victim on the Altar. The effect of the Sacrifice of the Cross was the salvation of the world, the effects of the sacrifice of the Mass are the same effects applied to men.

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reservatione. These gentlemen still hold office a teachers in the Protestant Episcopal Church, although one denies the Apostles Creed and the other the prescription by Divine institution, of Holy Orders. They will doubtless church? If not, who are its accred to be tarnished by the spirit of the world."

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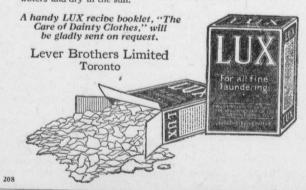
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