

## The Prayer Humble.

My soul strives not to vision, Lord,  
the beauty,  
The loveliness and radiance of  
the place  
Where I may meet Thee, Lord, and  
Thy dear Mother,  
And all the saints and angels  
face to face.

My soul asks not for visions of  
Thy heavens,  
But this, sweet Jesus, is my  
daily prayer:

That like unto the white-souled  
little children  
I may become, to find an en-  
trance there.

—Mary H. Kennedy.

## Necessity of Prayer.

Prayer is necessary to preserve  
the supernatural life in our souls.  
The principles of the supernatural  
life in us are divine faith and  
sanctifying grace; but these gifts  
of God are exercised, developed and  
perfected by communion with their  
source and object—God. Without  
his communion, therefore, without  
prayer, they will decline and die.

Again, our spiritual life is beset  
with many dangers, which cannot  
be guarded against nor escaped ex-  
cept by prayer. Temptations are  
allowed by Providence to assail us  
in order that by victory our super-  
natural life may be solidly estab-  
lished and perfected; but to neglect  
prayer is to throw down our arms  
and allow ourselves to be taken  
captive by the enemy.

God is ever ready to help us by  
His grace if we will turn to Him  
by prayer—as it is our serious duty  
to do—in the time of temptation.  
In every temptation—if the occa-  
sion be not of our own seeking—we  
may obtain by prayer the grace  
to stand firm in the fear and love  
of God and to trample under foot  
the enemies of our salvation.

## A Remarkable Career.

LENOX, Mass.—Andrew Carn-  
egie, steel magnate and philantrop-  
ist, aged 84 years, died at his Len-  
ox summer home "Shadowbrook"  
August 11th after an illness of less  
than three days with bronchial  
pneumonia. So sudden was his  
death that his daughter, Mrs. Ros-  
well Miller, was unable to get to  
her father's bedside before he died.  
His wife and private secretary were  
with him at the end. Mr. Carnegie  
came to Lenox to make his home  
in May, 1917 and had spent three  
summers here. He intended to  
spend his declining days at his  
country home here and when he  
bought it an announcement was  
made that Mr. Carnegie would  
spend all of the spring and summer  
months there. He came up from  
New York late in May this year.

Born in Dunfermline, Scotland,  
Nov. 25, 1835.—Came to America  
with parents at age of 10.—Began  
to help earn family's living when  
12 years old by working as bobbin  
boy in a cotton factory, receiving  
\$1.20 a week.—Fired a boiler in a  
cellar when 13 years old.—Clerk  
in bobbin factory at \$2.50 a week  
at 14.—Messenger in telegraph of-  
fice at 15.—Telegraph operator at  
\$25 a month when 16, supporting  
family.—Operator for Pennsylvania  
railway superintendent at 19.—  
Secretary to Pennsylvania railway  
officials, 1854—61.—Military tele-  
graph operator during civil war.—  
Bought Adams Express and sleep-  
ing car stock in small quantities.—  
Bought oil lands which ultimately  
became worth millions in 1866.—  
Built iron bridges in 1867.—Built  
bessemer plant in Pittsburgh in  
1875.—In 1888 owned the seven  
great steel works in and about  
Pittsburgh.—Parted with his busi-  
ness associates in 1899, when his  
steel works and mines were esti-  
mated to be worth \$500,000,000.  
Died, Aug. 11, 1919. Interment  
was made in a lot chosen by Mr.  
Carnegie some years ago at Sleepy  
Hollow, near Tarrytown, N. Y.

## SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

(Special for St. Peter's Bote.)

—Some people seem to be "aw-  
fully" afraid to tell the neighbor  
down the road that he has the best  
wheat, or the best garden for miles  
around. Puffs him up, you know.  
But how those same men and  
women do like to be puffed up just  
that way! Doesn't hurt them a  
mite, oh, no!

—The slowest of us can make a  
home run at dinner time.

—It seems nowadays as if the  
more a woman spends on her  
clothes the fewer she has to put on.

—The man who claims to be  
strictly honest should not steal a  
ride on the cars and think the com-  
pany can stand it.

—As soon as a man goes into  
politics he finds out that he has a  
past.

—Those wonderful patent medi-  
cines! There was a man in Chic-  
ago whose cranium resembled a bil-  
liard ball who read the advertise-  
ment of "Dr. Bogus' Wonderful  
Lotion—Warranted to make hair  
grow thick and curly on the bald-  
est heads." He went to the ad-  
vertiser, and seating himself in  
front of the looking glass, he began  
to smother his head with the stuff,  
and said, full of confidence: "I will  
wait and see the result." "What!"  
screamed the doctor, "wait in my  
shop? You cannot do that. My  
lease is up in ten months."—Good  
stuff! Eh!

—It is easier to give a wound  
than to cure it.  
—Kind words are the music of  
the world.  
—Under prohibition perhaps we  
shall have more epitaphs like the  
following from a cemetery in Geor-  
gia: "Within this grave—There  
lies poor Andy;—Bit by a snake—  
No whisky handy."

—To forgive and not forget is  
like giving a man a receipt in full  
and omit signing your name to it.  
—If you have business with a  
skunk you had better use a tele-  
phone.

—It is sometimes said of a man,  
in derision, "He sees no farther  
than his nose." If he sees the  
duty lying there and does it, much  
more good will be accomplished  
than if he had the gift of seeing  
to the end of the universe whither  
his hands can never reach.

—The support of the Catholic  
press is, especially in these days, a  
matter which lies upon our con-  
sciences. A thoughtful Catholic  
must see that here is a singularly  
effective way of showing his prac-  
tical devotion to his religion.

—One great means of persever-  
ance is to live one day at a time.  
Just as a person could carry a  
hundred-weight a certain distance  
daily, whereas he could not carry  
several hundred-weight, so we can  
bear to-day's cross, though we can-  
not carry at the same time the  
crosses of the future. With each  
day comes the grace to bear your  
cross, so do not anticipate to-mor-  
row's trials. Bear to-day's burden  
bravely, and thus you will merit  
the grace for to-morrow.

## Foreign News

JENA, Germany.—Professor  
Ernst Heinrich Haeckel, professor  
of zoology at the university of Je-  
na, and known throughout the  
world for his research work sup-  
porting the monistic theory of evo-  
lution, died here Aug. 9. He was  
born Feb. 16, 1834.

BERNE, Switzerland.—German  
exchange fell Aug. 14 below 30  
francs per 100 marks for the first  
time in its history. The decrease  
is due, according to German news-  
papers, to heavy exports of German

money to Switzerland, it being  
added that such transactions are  
being carried out through occupied  
territories. It is said that from  
60,000,000 to 70,000,000 marks  
are reaching Switzerland daily.

THE HAGUE.—A new flying  
machine, made entirely of metal,  
mostly aluminum, is being exhibit-  
ed in Berlin, according to a news  
agency. The motor is capable of  
making 100 miles an hour, carry-  
ing six people. The machine is  
supposed to be imperishable by fire.

LUXEMBOURG.—Parliament  
buildings were stoned by a crowd  
of 7,000 workmen Aug. 13, during  
a demonstration caused by the fact  
that the indemnity voted by the  
chamber of deputies to meet the  
high cost of living was deemed in-  
sufficient. Some of the manifes-  
tants succeeded in entering the  
chamber, but were driven out when  
fired upon by gendarmes. The  
burgomaster called out the Luxem-  
bourg troops, which cleared the  
square in front of the parliament  
buildings. Calm has been estab-  
lished.

ROME.—The Italian government  
published a decree relating to  
the lifting of the embargo on Ger-  
man and Austrian importations. It  
provided also for the resumption  
of trade with Italy's former en-  
emies.

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particularly textiles, have been se-  
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return to work. More than 50,000  
men and women are out of work  
because of the shortage of fuel.  
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of lack of coal supplies.

LONDON, England.—A des-  
patch to the Daily Mail from Suez  
reported Aug. 15, that the Italian  
warship Basilicata had been sunk  
at the entrance of the Suez canal  
by an internal explosion. Heavy  
casualties were reported. The Ba-  
silicata, a light cruiser, was com-  
pleted in 1914 and had a displace-  
ment of 2,560 tons. Its length was  
249.4 feet. The ship was intended  
for colonial service, its speed being  
inadequate for employment as a  
scout.

—Seditious documents were  
seized by the police last week in a  
raid on London's western suburb  
of Acton. The papers taken dealt  
with a suggested seizure of arms  
and ammunition from the military  
stores by revolutionaries, and the  
establishment of a soviet govern-  
ment in London.

—Viscount Grey, former British  
secretary of state for foreign af-  
fairs, has agreed to represent the  
British government at Washington,  
pending the appointment of a per-  
manent ambassador.

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