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understand it correctly? "Oh," says my Methodist friend, "the Bible is such a plain book, such an easy book, that no one can go astray in it." Then what is the reason there are so many going astray in it? There are now three hundred and fifty different Protestant denominations on the face of the earth. I should say three hundred and fifty-four, for about a year before the fire in Chicago there were two new religions started there. The one is called the United Church, and the other has not a name yet: it has not yet been christened. (Laughter.) Then shortly after the fire, a Mrs. Sewell established a new religion, and she published a professional card of faith in the *Chicago Times and Tribune*. She calls her religion, lately started, the Church of the Divine Maternity. She says that her religion is only for ladies, as, according to her statement, men have no souls at all! (Laughter.) Hence, my dear people, there are now three hundred and fifty-four different Protestant denominations; and all of them say that the Bible is their guide and teacher, and all of them draw from the Bible doctrines in opposition and in contradiction of each other. Are all of them true? Why, that is an impossibility, for the reason that all of them read the Bible, and all of them draw doctrines in opposition and in contradiction of the Bible.

"Why," says my Methodist friend, "it is because they don't read it in the right way."

And how must they read it then?

"They must read it in a prayerful manner," he answers.

Well, now, let us examine this; here is an Episcopal clergyman; he is a learned man, a prayerful man, a well-meaning man; he reads his Bible, and