











RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

The authorship of this poem is by some persons, ascribed to Bishop Andrews. 1835 to 1837. If any be distressed and faint would gather some comfort...

SURE AND STEADFAST.

Dig Deep, Build Firmly, and Be Prepared for the Unexpected. A house had been rapidly run up. It was six stories high, and built of stone, with thick walls...

they tend to prevent its exercise. Men are too apt, when a rich man makes a large donation, to say: "Well, what is that amount to him?" In other instances they allow themselves to contrast the small offerings they can make with those of the larger...

God's cause needs the interest, sympathy and prayers of all His people and sacrifices for it will do more than all else to call these forth. If we do what we can we may honor Christ as much as our wealthier brother...

HEARING SLANDER.

Refusing to Listen a Good Remedy for an Evil Tongue. "Take heed what ye hear" as to slanderous reports and insinuations. There is a vast amount of defamation in the world. Perhaps we have all suffered more or less by it...

CHOICE EXTRACTS.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time. There is no man that imparteth his joys to his friend but he joyeth the more...

SAME OLD THING.

Recollections of a Traveling Man Which Prove That Surprise Parties Were Just as Amusing Years Ago as They Are Today. One of the brightest spots in this weary and checkered life—a period whose recollection helps to lighten the cares and cheer the drooping spirits of depressed humanity...

I remember well the fuss it took at our house to get ready, and it is fair to presume that it was the same in other houses, for our family was but the average of humanity. My dear old paternal parent would always begin by saying he didn't care to go...

VERY PRACTICAL.

An Inate Female Witness Who Would Be Happy to Illustrate an Assault. There are comparatively few furry or obstinate people whose dispositions, tact, kindness and courtesy will not at least modify. And there are few persons so amiable that they can not be badgered into a show of temper...

An Artistic Modern Mosaic.

There has lately been placed in the American Church in the Via Nazionale, Rome, a mosaic which, according to the unanimous testimony of the Italians themselves, is the most important example of this form of Art that recent times have produced. It has been executed by the Venice and Murano Glass Company from cartoons by Mr. Burne-Jones...

SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS.

A Most Learned Discussion on Ancient History and Modern Wisdom. A correspondent, whose eagerness for information is as beautiful as it is praiseworthy, writes to ask the pregnant question: "Who were Scylla and Charybdis, and what were their functions and peculiarities that they should be quoted so often?"...

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POOR LANDS.

Methods of Utilizing Lands Not Suitable for Ordinary Cultivation. On almost every farm of the extent of a quarter of a section or more there are several acres of land from which no returns are received. What is worse, they greatly injure the appearance of the farm and diminish its pecuniary value if it is offered for sale...

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

The principals of the public schools in Brooklyn, N. Y., have had their salaries raised to three thousand dollars per year. A stock company has been organized by San Francisco capitalists to build a Southern California University for law, medicine, art and science. The Orphanage Cottages of the Baptist churches in Philadelphia are completed and the public opening took place recently...

PUNTING PARAGRAPHS.

A little four-year-old described the lightning of the previous night as "the wind blowing the sabbath again." When some politicians were weighed they are found wanting—every office in which there is a vacancy. England's puzzle and Pat's character: "You rouse my first by asking me for my second and my whole is my country." I have been returning calls this afternoon and have had a delightful time. Husband: "The ladies are unusually gossiping, I suppose?" Wife: "No, I found them all out." Do you ever sweep under the bed? "I've inquired the head of the family of her young domestic while examining the spare room. 'O, yes, often. It's so much easier than a dustpan, you know,'" replied the servant. When one speaks of the "good old times," he generally refers to the times before he was born. It is not to be that he would have us understand that his coming upon the stage had anything to do with banishing the "good old times" aforesaid. An uptown chemist recently analyzed a can of strawberry jam and was surprised to find no trace of strawberries. This is a genuine. Anybody could make strawberry jam out of strawberries. In Massachusetts, under a new law, a man who gives a minor a pip of snuff is liable to a fine of fifty dollars. The law is not likely to be violated, however. A Massachusetts man was never known to give a boy anything but moral lectures. It is Sam Jones who says: "The lullabies of my cradle linger with me to-day like the memory of a precious dream." But one thing we are apt to forget is the number of precious dreams the mother had to give up to keep the lullaby going. Perhaps she was right. In one of the Dundee boarding schools the teacher asked his class the meaning of the word "victim." The question seemed to puzzle the scholars, but after a pause a bright little girl answered: "Please, sir, a victim means a man about to be married." Over the back-yard fence: "I say, do you know the Shiftlesses are going to move this spring?" "No, are they though? Well, I am glad. They have made the street a by-word." "Yes, but then, Mrs. Shiftless has fallen heir to \$45,000, and she has bought an elegant house." "O, I always liked her! but her young ones—well, they're real kind of cunning, after all." Hartford Post.



