

The Recorder.

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ASSISTANCE OF THE SPIRIT IN PRAYER.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Dr. Doddridge renders the passage thus: "Moreover, the Spirit lendeth us his helping hand under our infirmities; for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself manageth affairs for us with unutterable groanings."

Here is quite a difference in these two renderings; but the latter, undoubtedly, comes nearer expressing the real sense of the original.

The text informs us that the Spirit helps our infirmities. Not that it helps our infirmities along, nor removes them; but because they exist, we are unable to do for ourselves what is needful for our salvation, and therefore the Spirit interposes with his divine aid to supply the deficiency.

One reason assigned in this passage, why the Spirit helps our infirmities, is, "Because we know not what we should pray for as we ought." It indicates, also, that we are insufficient for the proper discharge of this duty.

We know many things that we desire, and some that we need; but, left to ourselves, we should pray for more that would be for our injury, than for those things which would be for our benefit.

We often omit to pray for many things which we need, because ignorant of what is before us, and therefore can only commit ourselves to the guardianship of our Heavenly Father, while we should keep a diligent watch ourselves, that by his help we may be able to see the temptation and the true nature, when it comes, and also, the finger of God pointing out the way of escape.

the victories of divine grace both within and without. And when the Christian thus prays, he breathes out that which the Spirit of God dwelling in him has inspired, and such as God delights to hear and answer, as he never excites desires but such as are according to his will.

We are told that "the Lord knows the mind of the Spirit," i. e., what is indicated by the Spirit, and therefore will assuredly answer the petitions it prompts, because the mind of the Spirit harmonizes with the mind of the Lord.

"But the Spirit itself manages affairs for us with unutterable groanings." Thus, when the mind is oppressed under a sense and dread of sin, and a fear of offending God, and an earnest desire to do his will and glorify him, which are too deep for utterance, and for want of sufficient light cannot even discern what the real yearnings of the heart are, or the anxieties which so oppress it; then the Spirit interprets them without being uttered, so that God accepts them as the expressions of a heart overflowing with love to him.

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"Is the prospect more favorable in the so-called religious world? He who has noted the gradual abandonment of the sanctity of Sunday by the First-day keeping world, and the ease with which they glide on to the 'no law and no Sabbath' platform, can hope for no decrease in the loosening influence; nor will the result be less deleterious in its effect upon us because it is legitimate with them.

THE CONTRABANDS.—The Commission appointed by Gen. Wool to inquire into the condition of vagrants or contrabands, say, in their official report, that quite a large amount of clothing has been supplied by the charitable, which has been distributed; while, with the funds derived from their labor, the Quartermaster has issued clothing, up to March 1, to the amount of \$835.

THE FRIENDS OF ELI O. P. HULL MET at the Seventh-day Baptist church in this place, on the 19th of February, and, after a very pleasant interview, departed in peace, being warned and filled. They left for the benefit of Eld. Hull and family, the very hand-

Newport News, 74. Some of the contrabands are employed trading and oystering, and about 100 by officers and sutlers. Some have accompanied, as servants, officers going South, while others have unceremoniously disappeared.

HOME CORRESPONDENCE. Dewart, Clinton Co., Iowa, March 20, 1862. Clinton county, Iowa, is situated between 41° and 42° north latitude, and 14° west longitude from Washington, and 91° west of Greenwich.

THE SURFACE here is a gently rolling prairie, with occasional groves of timber interspersed. The soil is from one to three feet deep, of an alluvial character, the country possessing the evidences of having once been submerged.

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY ITEMS. Zion's Herald has the following intelligence of a revival among the different denominations in Farmington, Me. The writer says: "In the course of about two weeks past, over one hundred souls, I trust, have been converted to God in this village, and the gracious work is still progressing gloriously; all denominations are sharing in the gracious work; union meetings are held alternately in the Methodist and Congregationalist houses daily.

SOUTH OREGON, N. Y., March 22, 1862. Perhaps the readers of the RECORDER would like to hear from the Seventh-day Baptist church in Clifford, Susquehanna Co., Pa. 1 was with them ten days in the month of February, and enjoyed a precious season. There are about twenty families in that place who observe the Sabbath of the Bible. They have a good meeting-house and an organized church; but, owing to their being located at a distance from any other church in the denomination, they are not favored with the preaching of the word, except by First-day ministers, nor the administration of the ordinances, yet they sustain Sabbath meetings, and are striving to maintain the cause of religion among them.

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THE EAST BALTIMORE Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is composed mostly of clergymen residing in slave-holding territory, while in session a few days since in Baltimore, adopted a series of patriotic resolutions, by a vote of 132 yeas to 15 nays.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST reports a powerful revival at Cortland Village, N. Y. Between one hundred and sixty and one hundred and seventy have been forward for prayers, or have with them, and build them up in the most holy faith, and may there be numbers added unto them of such as shall be saved.

some sum of a little over one hundred dollars. And, since it is more blessed to give than to receive, we suggest that all our ministers confer such favors upon their congregations.

OUR venerable father, Eld. Wm. Satterlee, is failing very fast, being confined to his bed and unable to turn himself without help. His mind is still active, and he converses with his accustomed interest and intelligence—religion being the theme on which he most delights to dwell.

FATHER Satterlee's hearing has returned, so that he can easily understand conversation carried on in an ordinary tone of voice, adding much to the pleasure of visiting him. But the good old patriarch and pilgrim will soon leave us to enter upon the rest that remains for the blessed.

THE BISHOP of the Protestant Episcopal church in South Carolina, in addressing the convention of his diocese, maintained that the churches of that denomination in the southern, or, as he designates them, the "Confederate States," are no longer under the jurisdiction of, or in administrative union with, the "Protestant Episcopal church in the United States."

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Pope, printed at Naples, and signed by about 6000 of the Roman Catholic priests. Several chapters have affirmed their official seal to it, and it looks very like Protestantism, but they call it pure Roman Catholicism. It urges the Pope to abandon his temporal power, to restore the church to its primitive state, and to remember that a great majority of his clergy are from the people.

HOW MUCH Rome does for education where she has the control, is shown in the statistics of Italian ignorance: In Lombardy thirty to forty people out of every hundred can read.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC archbishop will soon make his appearance in Hayti, to promulgate in every parish of the country the lately concluded concordat, and to reorganize the hierarchy of his church, which has been so long a total wreck.

A PRIVATE LETTER from D. E. Maxson, Chaplain of the 85th Regiment N. Y. V., bearing date Camp Warren, March 24, says: "We expect soon to leave our pleasant encampment on Meridian Hill, D. C., for the stirring scenes of the spring campaign, which we hope is to be vigorous and effective."

SLAVE EMANCIPATION IN THE DUTCH WEST INDIA ISLANDS.—A project of emancipation of slaves has been adopted for the Dutch Islands in the West Indies. The following extract from the Surinam Wechtblad, of Feb. 15, indicates the chief features of the plan which has been adopted:

THE FEBRUARY and May numbers of the Bible Union Quarterly will be issued together in a few weeks. The work of the Union, although somewhat retarded by the effects of the war, is steadily progressing.

CONGRESS. The only business of Congress during the past week, which has been of importance or interest, has been the dealings of the House with the Tax Bill.

THE ENEMY have entirely abandoned Acquinea Creek, carrying with them their artillery and stores. There is no rebel force now between the river and Fredericksburg. In that town there are but few soldiers, the main body being posted about a mile and half beyond the town.

THE FOLLOWING are additional details of news by the George Peabody from New York from Beaufort, N. C.: "The officers state that just as they were leaving, the expedition, or a portion of it, which was sent to Washington, N. C., was returning, and the cheers of the troops and the general animation showed that it had been successful."

THE ARMY OF THE UNION arms in the recent conflict near Winchester, Va., grows in importance as the facts are more clearly made known. The most material of the facts seem to be as follows:

On Saturday afternoon of the 22d the southward pickets of the Union forces near Winchester were suddenly driven in by a strong force of Rebel cavalry, behind which advanced rapidly to the attack twelve regiments of infantry and four or five batteries of artillery.

The Rebel force that night is stated at 7,000 infantry, 1,200 cavalry, and perhaps 1,000 artillery; while Gen. Garnett with 5,000 more re-enforced them next morning. The Union troops are stated by Gen. Shields at "7,000 or 8,000 strong," and all but 500 were of his division.

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56 Miscellaneous.

COMMON SENSE. She came among the glittering crowd...

AGRICULTURAL. Mr. Goodale said he would give a specific remedy for the disease...

Mr. Hayden had planted pansies directly over one of his drains...

Mr. Carey had noticed that his fruit trees would grow for four or five years...

Mr. Martin stated that a gentleman in Norway, Maine, planted a plot of potatoes...

Great damage is caused by hay by mowing it over a barn cellar...

Mr. Barrows said, in regard to curing hay, he thought farmers burnt their hay too much...

Mr. Martin thought three or four hours' sun was amply sufficient for clover hay...

Mr. J. C. Thompson, of Staten Island, who takes an interest in all branches of husbandry...

Most families in the country, and on the outskirts of cities, think they must keep one or more hens...

a hundred chicks, the weight of which, when ready for the table must have been 1 1/2 pounds each...

"The opening of the spring bids fair to find us in a stronger position than ever in reference to our foreign trade...

"The Hen-House.—Mine is a lean-to—10x16 feet—10 feet high on the rear and 8 feet front...

"Roosts.—A frame is made and hung to the rear of the house, which can be set at any desired inclination...

"For Nests.—Use butter or lard tubs (which can be had at the grocer's for six cents each)...

"MODE OF FEEDING.—I give only sound grain; no other should be used. A variety is not objectionable...

"YARD ROOM.—The permanent yard is 50 x50, opening into a grazing and rambling lot of 50x100...

"SETTING THE HENS.—To insure good healthy chicks the hens should be set in March, and certainly not later than April...

"TREATMENT OF CHICKS.—When first hatched they must be fed on bread soaked in milk after three or four days...

"P. S.—Since writing the foregoing I find 50 hens will eat six quarts of Indian corn a day, they helping themselves to it...

"The future of Canada is estimated by Professor Smith as either annexation to the United States, (which he thinks, would be satisfactory to either)...

SPRING PROSPECTS.

The circular of Messrs. Saml. Hallett & Co., prepared for the Asia, communicates to the English correspondents of the house the following views of the spring trade:

"The opening of the spring bids fair to find us in a stronger position than ever in reference to our foreign trade. There were never before such extensive accumulations of breadstuffs in the interior...

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"The little intelligence which the Bushmen possess, is displayed chiefly in robbery and the chase. Rivaling the antelope in fleetness, and the monkey in agility...

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"A three-year old nephew of my friend had just finished his usual prayer at his mother's knee, when she said: 'Now, Willie, pray for grandfather and grandmother.'

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of money from the British treasury, but retrogrades so little that while its Legislature is now putting on the screw to obtain a free grant of several millions to extend and complete railways...

The Right to Pensions.—To correct misapprehensions about the right to pensions, we will say that the Attorney-General has decided:

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A devout slaveholder in Louisville was exhorting a poor, pious old female to be very humble, reminding her that the Saviour, Jesus, had neither house nor home. 'Yes,' she replied with emphasis, 'blessed be God—he had no house, no home, and no niggers!'

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