## Speak Thou the Truth.

Speak thou the truth. Let others fence And trim their words for pay; In pleasant sunshine of pretense Let others bask their day.

Guard thou the fact; though clouds night Down on thy watch tower stoop ; Though thou shouldst see thy heart's de light Borne from thee by their swoop.

Face thou the wind, though safer seem In shelter to abide : We were not made to sit and dream ; The safe must first be tried.

> Dean Alford. Pray for Others.

We, with many others, were on our way to a large meeting held semiannually. We went the four or five miles in the trolley and our seat happened to be next to that of the president of the great organization. We spoke to the good woman and found her ready to converse and also found her most interesting.

In our little talk we told her that both she and the meeting over which she from time to time presided were ubjects of prayer with us. She in turn related little bits about herself to which we eagerly listened.

The meeting was held and then we were hindered from attending like services for a year. But the time came when we were again a part of the congregation over which Miss -----presided. We only saw the esteemed president as she sat upon the platform, but to see that she was alive and able to attend to the duties of her office was an occasion for thankfulness and we lifted up our heart to fruit that Christ wants, and not the Lord in praise that He had spared parade of fruit. George MacDonald, so good a person to fill the responsible

# Religious Barrenness.

BY AMOS R. WELLS. A New Zealand girl, taken to England to be educated, there became a Christian. Soon after, she set out to return home. "Why not remain in England ?' asked her friends. "You love this land : why tempt the unknown perils of those far-away islands?' "What !" cried the Christ-found girl, indignantly; "Do you think, after I have found the Christian's joy, I could keep it from my dear father and mother? I would go if I had to swim

Why did Christ, in this parable o the fig-tree, and later in his more severe miracle of the fig-tree, condemn religious barrenness so unsparingly Because if a man is a Christian, he must of necessity bring forth much fruit. A Christian that is not making other Christians is as much a contra diction in terms as a fire that is not warming or a flame that is not light. ing.

there !"

Sternly does Rudyard Kipling sing One instant's toil to Thee denied Stands all eternity's offence.

There is no more deadly peril for a Christian than to be content with merely not doing wrong. Do not dare to live on the negative side of the Ten Commandments. "Six days shalt thou labor." Glasgow is supplied with water by hidden pipes running far up among the hills to a lovely lake. There is the health, the fulness down below, the need. Is it a light matter if a Christian allows the conduit of Christ's health, namely, his wn life, to get clogged up? The fruit may be very modest,

hidden beneath humble leaves. It is

## most in his mind, if he has no true of helping, will harm him. He may find success more easily, but not happiness. The man who joins a something out of the connection is a hypocrite of the meanest stripe, and a hypocrite is not only a very unhappy man, but he must also be the most contemptible being in the sight of the Lord. I can conceive of no more

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER

miserable existence than that which is led by a pretender. And the more carefully a boy realizes the hollowness of shams, religious and otherwise, the more placidly he will sleep of nights. The man who joins a church because it offers an easy short-cut to a competence will probably find some pretty unpleasant experiences in his way. There are sincere young men who may be deterred from joining a church from this very reason. They have not a sufficient religious conviction, or perhaps no religion at all. In such cases (always providing that he is

honest and sincere), it will nevertheless benefit a young man to attend a church. With most of us religion has come as a matter of education. It is never too late to begin this education, and, as a purely ethical problem, it is a tine thing for a thinking young man to spend part of his Sunday in a place where he can hear good, instructive discourse on religious topics."

The above are words of wisdom. They are from the brain and pen of a man whose career as a business man has been both honorable and successful, and should have great weight with the young men of to-day.-The Teles cope.

## "The Lord Shut Him In."

Praise God for books, and for the religion, church communion, instead pleasure and power which come from ward, then ! Forward in the power | reading and education.

forts, the conveniences, the pleasures, J. H. Vincent.

and the blessings that are possible to all of us in these modern days are surely worth a "thank you" to the great Given of them all.

Praise G: d for the country's pros perity. He has smiled upon our har vests and upon our factories.

Praise God, most of all, for the blessed Bible, the holy Church, and a wonderful Saviour. Jesus is the theme of the praises that are sung in heaven ; shall He not be our chiefest cause for praise here ?

How shall we do all this praising With our lips. In our hearts. By our lives. Just to be glad and grateful is praise that pleases God. Then, to give another person reason to be glad and grateful is still a better way of praising God.-William T. Ellis.

### Right and Wrong Use of the Tongue.

The sins of the tongue all point to the necessity and profit of self-mastery. So evident and so important did this appear to James that it occurs again and again in his epistle. "In many things we all stumble," he writes. "If any stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also." If this confession of failure and magnifying of the office of the tongue seem exaggerated, let anyone sit down quietly and think of the sins and cruelties of human speech. The careless words which no repentance can call back again, the rash promises which it has cost us so much to fulfill, the expression of the lower nature which has shamed the higher, the confessions of evil and yieldings to falsehood, the hot and angry words which sober thought condemnedthese are some of the perils of the tongue. On the other hand, like most of the uses of the world which turn so easily to evil, the tongue may be the instrument of great and lasting good. "Therewith bless we the Lord and Father." If we can, by God's grace, hold it to blessing, there is no better testimony to the indwelling of God's Spirit in a human soul than righteous, considerate, modest, truthful speech. The faithful Christians' manner of words as well as of life already has the mark of heaven's purity and truth upon it. Speaking the truth in love, men trust him. Seeking not his own, men come to speak unselfishly in his presence. Considering others, they in turn become considerate. Cherish ing no resentments, he awakens no angry feelings. Such a Christian self control is not easily attained, but it is worth striving for, and by God's help it is not out of reach .- The Con-

The world is what we make it. Forof faith; forward in the power of

Praise God for the wonderful in- | truth; forward in the power of friendventions and progressive spirit which ship; forward in the power of freechurch simply because he can make make today the best time in all the dom; forward in the power of hope; world's history to be alive. The com. forward in the power of God !- Bishop

> RELIGIOUS INDIFFERENCE. - James Russell Lowell, who admitted tha he was a liberal thinker upon religious subjects, made this very true observation: "I fear that when we indulge ourselves in the amusement of going without a religion, we are not, perhaps, aware how much we are sustained at present by an enormous' mass, all about us, of religious feeling. and religious conviction." An upright, admirable man, who treats religion with indifference is not a product of indifferentism in religion, but owes his estimable qualities to the religious environment of himself and his ances tors for generations back, whereby "certain moral direction has been given to his character." If men would seek for a genuine product of religious indifferentism they must find it in the midst of such environment for generations back. The center of Africa would be a better place to look for it than Christian America.

Peace for the past, grace for the present, and glory for the future. Yes, there is a glory for the future nothing before the true believer that isn't glory. I think it would take the wrinkles out of your brow if you would just look into the fnture instead of into the past.-D. L. Moody.

That is a happy day that is brimful of good deeds. Try to crowd a day with good, sweet deeds of love, and see if we are not right.

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# WOMEN WILL TAL

Can't Blame them for ling each other about burn's Heart and Ne Pills.



### THE GREAT REMEDY FOR WEAK NERVOUS

It's only natural that when a woma a remedy which cures her of nervo and weakness, relieves her pain aches, puts color in her cheek and vita her whole system, she should be a to let her suffering sisters know of i Mrs. Hannah Holmes, St. James St. John, N.B., relates her experience this remedy as follows :- "For som I have been troubled with fluttering heart and dizziness, accompanied smothering feeling which prevents from resting. My appetite was po I was much run down and debilitate "Since I started using Milburn's and Nerve Pills, the smothering has gone, my heart beat is now re

the fluttering has disappeared, and been wonderfully built up through the effect of the pills. I now feel strong better than for many years, and say too much in praise of the remedy restored my long lost health."



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place of president over so great an cathedral, with ministering priests organization.

We were just about to leave the church when it occurred to us that it would be pleasant to speak a word to Miss-, the president. We didn't feel that we had any personal acquaintance with her, did not expect floor !" her to remember us, but it would be an appropriate thing to greet her and grasp her hand.

sately, "Oh, my dear, I thought I this earth where God has made it so hould see you to-day ! I have been easy. joing to write to you. Only think," she said to a friend who was with her, be too late. There will come a time "she-(meaning myself) - said she when in anguish of soul we shall pray prayed for me, and I valued it so the "Last Prayer" of Helen Hunt much !"

We assured her that we still prayed for her and came away deeply impressed with the incident. Here was a woman in a high and important office, with many friends and probably living in affluence, and yet she so valued the assurance that she was prayed for by one who personally was to her a stranger that she treasured it up in her heart as something precious ! Was not this a spur to use intercessory Christlike ministries, brave battles prayer frequently? We thought so and have tried to be more faithful to that duty.

Over and over again we have been surprised at the gratitude manifested by friends when they were informed that we prayed for them. One dear lady who lived miles away from us came to see us one day, saying at once, "At Uncle G--'s funeral you said you prayed for me and I came here to talk it over, I was so grateful.'

Another said, "I've no doubt that I owe it to your prayers and those of your household that I have been the Saturday Evening Post, as follows furthered in certain plans."

-----, did you pray for me ?"

it as a great favor done them that you | this ability is he must judge for himpray for them, and perhaps it is the self. As in charity, he should give a greatest we can do them. Oh, let us dime if he can give no more ; and this more frequently than ever bring our dime, if it represents the full measure

in a noble sonnet, pictures a vast busy at the altar in a gorgeous cere-

monial. In a far corner a woman is sweeping. It is to her, and not to the great heads of the temple, that a quiet figure comes, saying softly, "Daughter, thou sweepest well my

### The lowest duties oft are found Lying on the lowest ground.

Christ bears with us, for a time, as Filled with these thoughts we went the vine-dresser bore with the fig-tree. o the platform where she still sat. He throws around us all frnitful in\_ Holding out a hand we began to speak fluences. If ever a man is to bring instance, closed the door? Who her, when she cried out, affection- forth fruit to God's glory, it will be in

Jackson :

Father, I scarcely dare to pray, No clear I see, now it is done. That I have wasted half my day. And left my work but just begun !

In outskirts of Thy kingdom vast, Father, the humblest spot give me Set me the lowliest task Thou hast,

Let me, repentant, work for Thee God grant that, when that sure time arrives, we may have lived a life (as Mrs. Jackson had indeed) full of

for the right, endurance of hardness, confidence in Jehovah. - Sabbath Reading.

## "Join a Church and Help to Support It."

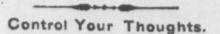
Doubtless many of our readers, especially the young men, will be surprised at being told that the above is the advice of that successful business man and multi-millionaire, Russell Sage, of New York. But it is so, and in proof of it we give his words, from "At the very outset a young man Still another cried, "You dear, good ought to join a church. He ought to bear the burden of the church support We find that in general people take to the full extent of his ability. What

Noah did not close the door. There are works that God keeps for himself. The burden of them is too heavy for the back of man. To shut that door on a world about to perish would have been to great a responsibility for a son of Adam-the stress of it would have borne too heavily on a human heart. Another moment, and another, and another, might have been granted by the patriarch, and the door might never have been shut at all. And would he have done the work conclusively, even if he had, in the first knows but that, when the waters rose and he heard the wailing around, and

friends whom he loved held towards There will come a day when it will him their little ones, and shrieked to be taken in, he might have relented, and opened, and a rush might have been made, and the ship that carried the life of the world might have been swamped ? He dared not open a door which God had shut; perhaps he could not open it. We never hear that he opened the door, even when the earth was drying. God told him when to go out.

And so it is in the ark of salvation. It is not the church, it is not the minister, that shuts or opens the door These do God s bidding ; they preach righteousness, they offer salvation, they gather in; it is God that shuts and that opens the door. And what a sound was that when, in the listening ominous hush of earth s last evening, God shut the door ! There have been sounds as well as sighs to make the boldest heart quail and the flintiest heart melt ; the cry has gone up from cities given over to fire and sword, the shuddering three of earthquakes which hurried myriads to death, but except the cry on Calvary, which corresponded to it, no more melancholy sound has been heard by human ears than that which passed into the evening stillness when the broad, green earth was left to be the grave of mankind, and God shut the door of the ark.

Once again God will shut the door. Man will not do it. Angels will not right of way through you, or lodging do it. But, oh, what and shudder will pass friends to the throne of grace. Let of what he can spare, is just as im- the listening universe when God will those that indulge in evil acts, beus bring churches, societies, missionary portant as the dollar or the thousand shut the door of the heavenly ark up



gregationalist.

Until you have learned to control your thoughts you will never be able to live a godly and righteous life. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he, and it is because the thoughts that we entertain in the hostelry of the soul are such worthless and vain ones that our words and acts often bring so heavy a disgrace on the name we love. Well might the wise man say : 'Keep thy heart above all keeping, for out of it are the issues of life."

When the heart is right the ear and the eye and the mouth and the foot will necessarily obey its promptings but when the heart is wrong, filled with tides of ink, like the cuttle-fish. it will envelop itself in the impurity to which it gives vent..... If you habitually permit evil things to have their a sigh within you, remember that, in God's through sight you are held equally guilty with

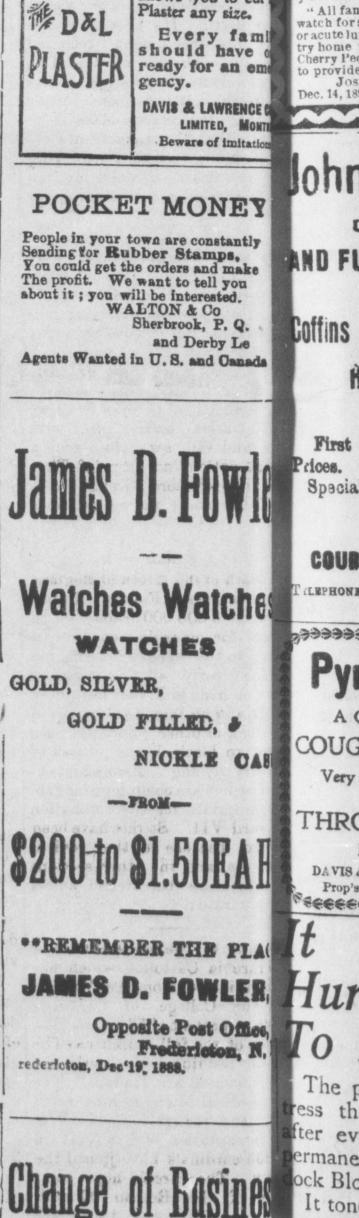
If anybody knows herself to bei n a false position let her step out of it. If anybody has been unkind or inconsiderate or self-absorbed or morbid or ungenerous, let her quietly kneel down and tell, the Lord that she is penitent and ask his forgiveness, and then turn over her new leaf. But all this should be done quietly-not with a flourish of trumpets-Margaret E. Sangster, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

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countries, rulers and all in authority. missionary from India spoke in a large gathering. "Oh, dear friends," she of the Holy Spirit in our work. I have stood before a heathen gathering of people and have thought, 'Oh, what' work."

bring that individual close to the Lord. If we are going out to visit or to shop even if looked at only from a purely it is well to go first into our closet to selfish, material standpoint. But Mr. pray for those we expect to meet. If Sige does not stop there. He takes we have a sick or otherwise afflicted into consideration the motive by which in heaven, too, for your hearing and neighbor they should be very especially the young man is actuated in taking speech. brought to God. If we are called to that important step. On that truly have an interview with a stranger vital point he is thoroughly orthodox, stars, the air, the water, the rain, the bring that stranger to the Lord. Inter- or he says : "But unless a young man snow, the trees, the flowers, worth a cessory prayer is taught us by example joins a church through conviction it is word of praise? Yet how seldom do the highest, and it is taught us by far better for kim to remain away. If we thank God for these common om mand, -- Chris | Intelligencer.

work, meetings, and bands, and es- dollars of the rich man. Communion on the lost !- Rev. Alexander Stewpecially missionaries. Let us bring with the church helps tremendously art. in building up a solid character. There We listened while a dear young lady will be met clean, wholesome men and women. Acquaintances will be formed that are helpful in every way. It is cried, "do earnestly pray for the help natural that the people of a church should take more interest in the success of one of their young communicants chan they do in the success of an outcan I do unless the Holy Spirit aids sider. That is human nature, and me? I felt that He must be the human nature prevails in a church teacher. Do pray for His help in our just as much as it does outside. The only difference is, that in the church If we have a guest it is a time to human nature is cleaner."

Certainly that is wholesome advice,

he utilitarian advantages are upper- blessings !

Praise God.

Praise God for a home. Tens of thousands of boys and girls will go to sleep tonight without a mother to tuck them into bed and without any of the pleasures of home about them. Praise God for food and clothes. Millions of persons are hungry today, and many of them are suffering for want of clothing.

Praise God that you do not lift blind eyes to a sky you have never seen. Be grateful for your sight, through which so many of your pleassures come. Praise the kind Father

Are not the sun, the moon, the

cause you are withheld, not by your fear of him, but by your desire to maintain your position among men .-Rev. F. B. Meyer.

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### To Conquer Worrying.

Consider what must be involved in the truth that God is infinite, and that you are a part of his plan.

Memorize some of the Scripture promises, and recall them when the temptation to worry returns. Cultivate a spirit of gratitude for daily morcies.

Realize worrying as an enemy which destroys your happiness. Realize that it can be cured by persistent effort. Attack it definitely, as something to

be overcome.

Realize that it has never done, and never can do, the least good. It wastes vitality, and impairs the mental faculties.

Help and comfort your neighbor. Forgive your enemies, and conquer your aversions.

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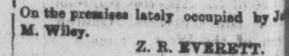
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