# RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

## More Like Jesus.

More like Jesus ! Every day This the silent prayer to say While we pass along our way.

More like Jesus ! As we go Something good may we bestow, He'pful in another's woe.

More like Jesus! Meek and mild, Holy, harmless, undefiled, Gentle as a loving child.

More like Jesus! This our request Till in mansions of the blest Perfect peace shall fill the breast.

Moe like Jesus ! O that all Ruin'd in the bitter fall Cn the name of Christ may call. -Thomas MacKellar, Ph. D.

#### Hindered Prayers.

If all prayers offered by those who profess to believe in God were answered, what a different world this would be, and how different our difference. How often does the churches would be ! Many prayers have been answered, and the answers have been so definite, so specific, so positive, that the most skeptical witnessing them have been convinced. Other prayers have been answered in a different way. God has sent a response, not in the precise form indicated desire, consuming his spirit. He is in the petition, but in another and better form. He determines the form of His answer. When Paul prayed for the removal of the thorn the answer was, "My grace is sufficient for thee." When the Son of man prayed in the garden, being in an agony, and saying, is the prayer we do not feel that fails "Let this cup pass from Me," an angel to reach the ear of God. was sent from heaven to strengthen Him.

In such cases what takes place is neutralize our prayers. The disciples not always recognized as an answer requested the Lord to teach them how from God. Yearning souls have some- to pray. How few persons know how times waited long, looking still for the to pray ! How little real prayer God answer to their prayers after it had hears! We pray outwardly every actually come upon them. Perhaps day, but how seldom do we pray some who wait and wonder why they inwardly ! We need the spirit of have been denied will never know that they have already received an abundant answer to their prayers until the fact shall be revealed to them in the light of eternity. We should not be in haste, in any case, to declare that us with groanings which cannot be our prayers have not been answered.

their most intimate friend. But God, think their habits "perfeccly estab-, horse he had won by betting at the who seeth in secret, will not hear lished," the ministers who "trust to election. In this case the only horse them. So exceedingly sinful is sin the inspiration of the moment" be- of a poor man had been won and taken. that it often deceives those who indulge cause they have acquired such readiit. They think themselves to be in ness and fluency of speech ; these are brother when he fully decided to rethe right way. They believe their but a few of the foolish disciples who hearts are right with God. They think to safely substitute confidence flatter themselves that they are on the for caution. As for ourselves, when tempted to let down the bars we always way to heaven. When they pray it is think of the advice of the great not a mere pretense. They believe in physician ; and when others throw off prayer and in the Bible. They earnest. their soul's protection, we double ours. ly desire the things they ask of God. But sin has deceived and blinded -The Interior.

#### **Bight Conceptions of Christ.**

living in sin, and know it not. Let no Most men have gained their ideas of one think there is no danger. Every wise man will pray to be delivered God largely from tradition, and tradition is based upon what some former man has thought and taught. We have drawn our conceptions of the Almighty too much from human

Surely this is an evil to be dreaded. Is not this the secret of so many fruit-Prayers are often hindered by inauthority as has been claimed for

suppliant approach the throne of grace them. God has taught us how to regard with a listless spirit. He does believe Him by the relation of father and in God, but his faith is so weak that it child which He has ordained in human makes little impression on his mind, life. It is primarily and chiefly as our He does desire the good he asks, but Father, with all which that precious his desire is so feeble that he can title involves, that He would have us scarcely feel it. It is not a burning think of Him. We are to draw our much more interested in the trifling things of the world than in the spiritual good of which he speaks to God. Prayer is on his lips, but something about Him there. else is in his heart. His knees are

Our heavenly Father also has shown Himself as He is to mankind in the means "rock-man," after his declaraperson of Jesus Christ. This is one tion, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of chief reason why our Lord became man the living God." and dwelt upon earth, that He might, as He declared, show us the Father. important. The blessed sense of re-

God shown as an inner light to this store the horse.

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are fruits worthy of repentance, and the surest evidence of true religion. And this applied gospel making men honest silences infidelity and compels respect. It ennobles the individual, it harmonizes society, it exalts the nation.-The Telescope.

#### ----Paul's Four Anchors.

A pleasant writer, in speaking (f Paul's shipwreck, quotes the verse which speaks of the captain casting sources, forgetting that, however wise out four anchors when he waited for and instructive Augustine and Calvin the day. He says that Paul cast out may have been, they were not inspired four anchors, also, as shown by his and their declarations have no such testimony, and that these anchors steadied him amid the storms of his life. They are :

"I believe God."

"His I am." "Him I serve." "God hath given me those who sail

with me.

He who has these four anchors out can calmly wait for the day to dawn. conceptions of Him also from His More than one reformer has comforted word. As we read holy writ we are to himself with the declaration found in interpret His character and His rela- the first line of our creed, which we tion to us from what is revealed to us often carelessly repeat, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty."

Peter received his name, which

The second anchor is hardly less From what we know of Jesus, in His lationship which comes when we say,

duties which he him elf recognizes as involved in such a relation. It is not religion which the human race lacks, which the most abject and degraded lacks. It is the observance of the duties which the least intelligent

recognizes as enjoined by his religion. This lack is as evident in the savage as Such confessions and restitutions in the sage. The existence of the religious sense is witness to the consciousness of ill-desert. He who has no knowledge of a written law is yet "under law," mainly that of his own conscience, which bears witness to his failure to keep the law which he himself has framed for himself. "For when the Gentiles which have not the law do by nature the things contained in the law, these not having the

(written) law, are a law unto them. selves, which show the work of the law written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness." If there has ever yet been found a race, or clan, or tribe, or some individual without any consciousness of a superior being-some person or thing recognized as able to harm or profit those acknowledging him, such tribe or person was a giant in wickedness.- Journal and Messenger.

#### Pleasure Before Business.

After a brief business cureer, which at the first promised well, a young man ended in a particularly bad failure.

"The trouble with him was, "that he never knew exactly what he was trying to do. He took the road ostensibly to work up trade for his house, but he planned the trip that he might take in lakes, and mountains, and all sorts of attractive places. He stopped to visit some old college friends, and never allowed business to interfere with any social pleasure own holy character, in His sympathies "I belong to Him," ought to make within his reach. The fact was, being

Nine Boils On Neck.

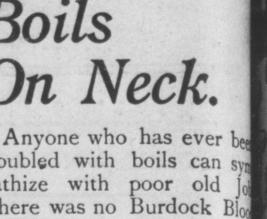
troubled with boils can si pathize with poor old There was no Burdock Blog Bitters in those days, so had to suffer in silence. No a-days no one need endure the misery of boils.

All they have to do is tal B.B.B. when their blood wi be cleansed of all impuriti and every boil will quickly d appear.

Miss Lydia Moody, Ruscom, Esser() Ont., sends the following statement of case: "Some time ago my blood got out of order that many beils appeared my body and prevented me having rest. I had nine on my neck at differ times, and quite a number of small or came on my shoulders and arms.

"Our next door neighbor, seeing condition I was in, told me to take B.B for my blood, and I did so. "After I had finished the first both found that some of the boils had dis peared and all the rest were getting m smaller. I then got two more both and by the time I had these nearly gone there was not a boil to be see Besides this, a headache, from which suffered greatly, left me, and I impro so much in health that I am now a stron robust girl."

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There still remain multitudes of prayers which have not prevailed. Something has hindered. They have gone up from the lips of men and women, often in the best form, but they have brought no blessing down. What has hindered ? Why do we not at this time witness far more wonderful things in the world in answer to the prayers of Christians?

was necessary for the people who called themselves the people of God to [ times he would suffer long convalesbe informed that their cruelty, oppression, and murders had hindered their prayers. The hand of the Lord was before he would be quite himself again. not shortened, nor was His ear heavy, Being wealthy, and something of a but the sins of the people had separated between them and their God so himself that he needed better advice that He would not hear them. It is than he could get from his own family not necessary to tell Christians in this day that murder, cruelty, and tyranny trip to the East where he consulted an restitution in cases of wrong and of will hinder prayer. We all know full well that it is useless for the bloody to know all about one's throat and and deceitful man to call on God so long as he continues to live in sin and could obtain an audience; but when wickedness. We are not liable to orget this. But there are hindrances through a rapid fire of certain very which we may forget.

An unforgiving spirit hinders prayer. about the time of his attacks, his "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, methods of treatment, his manner of neither will your heavenly Father life, his personal habits of dress, and fessing wrongs done and of deeds of protects the throat also while the forgive you your trespasses." It is so on. vain to approach God for the forgive-At last the renowned physician said ness of our own sin or for any other "I understand your case perfectly, sin good while we indulge in a spirit of Go home, and whenever you hear your revenge and hate. Many heavy-hearted neighbors talk about taking off their men and women are now crying to God winter flannels, you double yours. for help, which they shall not receive That was all, except a fee of \$100. because they cherish a spirit of resent-We asked our friend how he liked ment against those who have wronged the treatment, and he replied with them. O, the bitterness that professing perfect frankness : "It was worth the Christians carry with them to the money. I followed his direction and throne of grace ! No wonder that the I have not been down with a cold of windows of heaven are closed. This any kind since." And when we rebolt must be removed before the membered what he had passed through showers for which they cry will fall. in previous years we were glad to get voluntary confession so nobly is \$100 prescription so cheap. prayers of shose who are deaf to the There can be little doubt about it cry of the poor shall not prevail. Our our first warm days are our most heavenly Father has showered His dangerous days. There was such a bounty on us, not that we may use it day only a week ago. Everybody we selfishly, but that we may imitate Him met had his overcoat upon his arm, if bestowing on others the good they he had it with him at all. Men wore need. He has given us the opportunity their hats as far back on their heads to imitate Him by surrounding us with as they could hang them, and doubtless those who are needy. When we half of them would have changed their cherish a selfish and niggardly disunderwear the next morning had not position with regard to the bounty He the change proven too transient; for has bestowed on us, we shall pray in before nightfall the wind was in the vain. Only an unselfish, open heart northeast, and then in the northwest : can offer an acceptible prayer. A and the thermometer ran rapidly down hard, penarious, unkind spirit hinders more than thirty degrees in forty minutes. That was just the time in which prayer. Secret sins hinder prayer. Sin is to contract pneumonia. deceitful. It often hides successfully. How many times did our Savior warn his disciples of the dangers of Men who appear to be living a life of over-confidence. How many times prayer may be living a life of sin. In did he entreat them to be watchful, found peace with God. some cases their dishonesty and imalert, prayerful; for it is exactly in purity are not discovered or even suspected by their neighbors. They may such time of least apparent peril altar seeking God. He could find no some superior being has a religion,

prayer. We have been taught to pray in the Spirit. If our prayers were offered in the Spirit, if the Holy Ghost were permitted to teach us what to pray for, and to make intercession for uttered, the arm of God would awake, and Jerusalem would put on her

bended, but his heart is lifted up. It

These are only a very few of the

most common hindrances which

them. They are covetous, or dishonest,

or cruel, or unjust, or in some way

"One thing alone, dear Lord, I dread;

That separates my soul from Thee, And yet to know it not."

To have a secret spot

from secret sin.

less prayers ?

beautiful garments.-Chris. Advocate.

## Spiritual Aprils.

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A dear friend whom we knew inti mately some years since was greatly troubled each recurring spring-time by repeated attacks of the grip. Some years these bronchial affections became In the time of the prophet Isaiah it pulmonary and it was only with difficulty he escaped pneumonia. At other cences, so that the summer would be well on its way toward a conclusion valetudinarian, he determined within physician; consequently he made a eminent specialist who was supposed benevolent contributions. lungs. It was same days before he at last it was granted he was put

and friendships, in His aims and en- Christians as different from other men a business man was only incidental deavors, in His abhorrence of sin and as the prince is different from the His tenderness for the sinner, in every peasant. department and characteristic of His

life, we can now see that He was revealing God to men.

only to be gained in the manner which God Himself has indicated and made possible. But when they have been formed the perplexing features of His him, comes the beautiful certainty that character and government most'y fall he gives us his work to do. "Backnaturally into place and find explanation. We see how He is compelled to reached the position of service.

maintain the dignity of His law because He loves us too much to expose us to that none of us lives to himself. Sometoward us, as our conditions shift, is justified, and we learn, if we are willing to learn, to love and trust and obey Him. He who has an idea of God which is repellant may be sure the trouble lies with himself, not with God.-Congregationalist.

## Some Examples of Restitution.

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REV. E. W. CURTIS.

When Jesus came to the home of Zaccheus, the redeemed publican began to talk about property rights and

The gospel of the same Jesus, since so widely and so deeply sown in the hearts of mankind, still calls for restitution to accompany repentance, pointed questions. He was asked newly found love in conversion. In reading and observation, I have noted some striking examples of conrestitution connected with the same. These have usually occurred in revivals of religion, though sometimes the result of reading, or otherwise.

> to exist as to whom the theft was to be attributed until the revival meeting came. A general awakening ensued. One of the converts came forward confessed the theft and made the

Do you say it when you are discouraged and beaten down? Do you say it when you are glad and happy? Right conceptions of God, then, are And does it comfort your sadness and sing in all your gladness?

> "Whom I serve." Out of our belief in God, and sense of belonging to sliders" are those who have never

The fourth anchor is the realization the perils of a lawless life. Each of how, the destiny of other lives depends the different attitudes which He adopts upon us, and this thought, with the tremendous responsibility which it involves, with the blessed privilege which it offers, holds the Christian to the path of duty.-Epworth Herald.

### THE HACKING COUGH.

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One of the meanest things to get rid of is a hacking cough. There is ap. parently no cause for it. No soreness no irritation at first ; but the involuntary effort of the muscles of the throat to get rid of something is almost constant. Of course, with many cough is a habit, and should bestopped. When you realize this and try to stop it, you find you can't, for by that time there is an actual irritation, which will never get better without treatment. It is a curious thing that nearly all treatment for cough actually makes the cough worse. Then, too, most medicines for cough have a bad effect in the stomach. This is especially and for benevolence, as a fruit of the true of so-called cough remedies that contain a narcotic. The true treatment for cough is one that heals the irritated surfaces. This is what Adam son's Botanic Cough Balsam does. It healing process is going on. When this remedy was first compounded our old men were young boys, and all this time it has been doing a steady work of healing throats. The most obstinate hacking cough will quickly certain farmer in western lowa had show the effect of the Balsam. People his turkeys stolen. No clew seemed who have been trying for years to break up the mean little cough, will find a sure friend in this old-time soothing compound made from the barks and gums of trees. All druggists sell Adamson's Botanic Balsam.

wrong right. In this case the family owning the turkeys was irreligious, Religion. There is abroad a vast amount of made; and the converted man that MACHINES confusion as to the true meaning of made such a clean breast of matters is the word "religion" and its application to-day a minister of the gospel. to human affairs. Many thoughtful W- will sell the balance of our Recently, at Allyn Brothers' Bank, men have undertaken to define it, each stock while they last from \$20.00 at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, some money was according to his own notion, and so upwards, for Cash Only wrongfully obtained, and, undetected. they have the more confused it, since was brought in. The matter had stood they have used it in so many different many years. The firm, in part, had senses. It is said that the word has THE QUEEN, CLIMAX AND changed hands, but compound inter-"one meaning to Jews, another to est had been computed, and the orig-Christians, another to Mohammedans, nal sum was nearly quadrupled. The another to Buddhists"; that "lexicomatter was confessed voluntarily and graphers have defined the word timidly returned cheerfully. and haltingly, drawing no clear dis-In another case, a tenant took one tinction between religion and theology." hundred bushels of corn too much The present writer would not assume when he took out his share of the to do what so many others have failed crop. In the revival the wrong was to accomplish; but he has been acconfessed and the corn restored. customed for many years to regard the In a revival about ten years ago, fundamental idea in the word one man had to make wrongs right "religion," as man's conscious relation with three different persons before he to a superior and unseen being. The man who recognizes himself as sub-

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with him."

The case reminded me of the Christian who made a failure of his Christian profession. He started out to follow Christ, but following Christ was never more than a side issue with him. It was not that it would have been impossible for him to be a Christian and a business man, or a Christian and an agreeable fellow ; the trouble was that he put these latter things first.- Selected.

God is not a crutch coming in to help your lameness, unnecessary to you if you had all your strength. He is the breath in your lungs. The stronger you are, the more thoroughly you are yourself, the more you feel need it, the more you need of Him .-Phillips Brooks.

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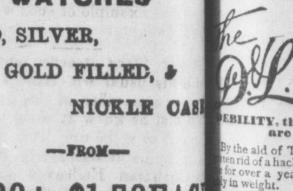
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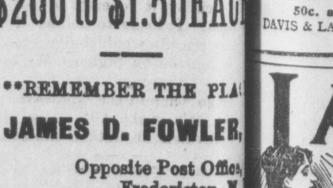
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