### A Prayer.

BY MRS. MERRILL E. GATES What time I am afraid I will trust

Firm in Thy strong control Oh, Father, hold my soul Faithful to Thee! If e'er I fear to fall, Then let me hear Thee call, "I am thy all in all, Trust thou in Me."

A revelation new, Of what Thy grace can do. Q. God, be mine! The need is all my own, The grace is Thine alone: Grace deep as need made know, Thy grace divine.

A power within reveal, Thy power to help and heal, Strong, changeless free! O, by temptation sore, By sorrows that He bore, Who loves me evermore, Give victory.

Thy freeman-once a slave -Freedom to serve I crave, To serve but Thee. Blessing and being blest, Be this my only quest, How I may serve Thee best, Till Thee I see. -The Evangelist.

The Faith That Sustains and Comforts.

So much is being said in books, papers, lectures, sermons, and conversations about the assaults of the critics upon the citadel of faith that many souls seem to be disturbed thereby. While there are some phases of the present trend of criticism much to be deplored as being recklessly destructive in their tendencies, yet it is likely that the degree of serious invasion of well-founded faith will not be as great as many fear. A recent writer on this subject says: "Now that the intellect has completed its analytic work our generation has come to realize that the heart with its hunger is, as before unappeased. Religion is the life of God in the soul of man. The creed is the outer, verbal photograph of that inner, vital experience. Man's interest in those verbal pictures named

steadily waxing." If faith in Jesus Christ and its attendant blessings were dependent upon this or that interpretation of certain more or less incidental passages of Scripture, or upon the acceptance of this or that sta ement of d ctrine. there would be more reason for general disquietude. But faith in Jesus Christ is not founded upon biblical interpreta ion solely, nor does it spring out of any formulation of doctrine. Indeed, it is frequently to be found in full vigor and fruitfulness where there

seems to be only a moderate degree of

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what men are p eased to call intellectulity.

Throughout the world there are many men, women and children who are absolutely unable to read the word of God or to discuss such things as confessions of faith and articles of re ligion intelligently, because of intellectual incapacity, who are in possession, nevertheless, of saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Once they walked in the dismal darkness of sin, but having come into spiritual contact with Him, their sins were forgiven and washed away in His redeeming b'ood, and now they walk joyously in the light of His presence. Therefore they have a firm faith in Jesus Christ that has under it the foundation of blessed experience.

The poor woman who, in the desper ation of her need, touched the hem of His garment knew nothing of creeds. But she had faith in the Master, for He said to her, "Daughter be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee Get thee behind me Satan !" whole." As faith in Jesus Christ is a gift of the Holy Spirit, and as this woman secured a great advantage through the exercise of her faith, there is in the incident the suggestion that to be made whole, to become spiritually complete, one must have saving fach in the Redeemer of men. This is in accord with the profound declaration of Paul: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new;" and coincides with the experience and testimony of those who have "passed from death unto life," and have entered into the rich heritage of faith.

The faith that depends wholly up n the authority and sanction of the intellect yields but scant comfort to the soul. This is so far from the very nature of the case. For being inspirei by the intellect merely, and dependent upon the declarations of scholarship for its basis and now growing out of spiritual experiences, it lacks the essential element of cered by the holdings of the scho'ars-

product of other writers-the foundation upon which it rests is insecure; upon tomorrow as doubtful, and may be discarded as valueless the day after. The faith that satisfies, sustains and comforts the soul, and bears it up in through the process of the intellect and burst into a flood of tears. exclusively, for it does "not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Intellectual assent is essential to perfect faith, but "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness," and the assent of the mind follows naturally.

Men everywhereand in all conditions of life need a strong, sturdy, saving satisfying faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And this is the only sort of faith that honors God and meets the desires of the soul. Such a faith comforts, sus ains, and inspires; it cheers the heart, illumines the mind, quickens the sp ritual perceptions, deepens the sympathies, lightens the burdens of life, gives reality to the things of God, s amps His promises with validity, enriches and enlarges the whole life of the individual, and makes him a center of beneficient ministries to his fellows.

From generation to generation the creeds of men change. But Jesus Christ is unchangeable. He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Faith that is centered in Him hath foundations that are immovable and eternal, and, therefore, must abide and ever yield its rich blessings to its

While the forgoing gives much encouragement that the present confusion will be clarified, it should never be forgotten that the salvation of the unintellectual, like that of the intellectual, of the learned as well as the untaught, depends on belief of cer ain truths. Jesus Christ is unchangeable for His fanaticism; others a mere man, thrift are not genuine friends. though a great philosopher; others believe him to be neither man nor angel but still a created being. To save the soul He must be believed to be endowed with divine attributes. The creed in essentials is indeed short, but it cannot be shortened by the omission of one. Thus held, the heart and mind unite, and no longer deaden faith, nor faith purturbs reason. - The

### Beginning Family Worship.

A young man of fashion, wealth, elucation, and high social position, at a mid-day prayer meeting felt in himse'f the hope that maketh not ashamed, and realized a Saviour precious to his soul. He believed that God, for Christ's sake, had forgiven his sins, and determened that he would never be ashamed of Christ. He would ac knowledge and honor him everywhere.

The opportunity, the time and place, soon came. He was returning to his my family, I must set up family wor-

yet! Don't be in a hurry. Take time. Get a litt'e stronger, and then you can go on better.'

"I must begin to night. I do not say; but it is my duty and I am resolved to do it, and trust God for the rest. I must pray in my family."

"Not to-night," said the tempter, "You don't know how to pray. You prayer. Wait and learn how first." "No, no; I must pray to-night.

into his library, and there, before self." God, his Heavenly Father, and in the out his heart, and asked for strength

she saw at once that a great change which shines on us. We cannot do had taken place, but said nothing. much. We have little money to give At length he asked her: -

our having family worship?"

After a moment's surprise and hesitaion, she said, with true politeness : "Ce tainly not, if it is your plea-

let us read and pray."

down and his wife and sister sat up- Lord. It may be but a penny, it may right in their seats, and he felt that he be only a moment of your valuable his eyes to God, and cried out in the may be a kindly deed or only a grasp bitterness of his soul, "God be of the hand; the great God is able to tinty. As this type of faith is effecting strength he went on in his prayer, who multiplied the loaver and sam is an ol remedy and it has never pouring out his most earnest cries fishes can multiply the force of the lost a friend through failure to help. many of whom are not par icularly and supplications that God would effort which you put forth until it sympathetic with spiritual religion, have mercy on his beloved wife and shall be felt to the ends of the earth. and look upon the word of God as sister. So earnet, so importunate Chris Advocate.

literature only, to be handled in sub- | was that prayer that God would show stantially the same way as the literary his convert ng power and grace on the spot, that the heart of his wife was melted and overcome and she slipped since what these scholars regard today from her seat up n her knees beside, as worthy of confidence may be looked him, and putting her arms around his neck ere she was aware she burst out into one agonizing cry to the Lord Jesus for mercy on her soul, and then the sister knelt down by his other side the vicissitudes of life, is not secured and she too put her arms around him

He continued to pray; he devoted himself and these with him to God He confessed and bewailed his and their manner of life hitherto; he pleaded the promise of God to all those that seek him, and with unspeakable joy he made mention of the amazing grace of God in the pardon of his sins, and he besought that peace and forgiveness through a crue fied

The submission was compete; the surrender was fully made; repentance and faith sprang up together in the haarts of all three; and as they rose from their knees, it was to acknowledge each to the other what new determinations and resolutions and consecration they each had made during the progress of that first prayer in the family in that parlor, offall they were and what they would be, to Christ. And since that first prayer in the parlor, God has been daily acknowled e ged in the same parlor by the same circle.—Presbyterian Advocate.

### Unselfish Men.

Selfishness sometimes manifests 'tself in hoarding and sometimes in spending money. The miser is a miserable man, No one respects him, and he does not respect himself. The spendthr ft is no better than the miser. The man who lavishes his money all on his own comfort, his own pleasure and luxury, is neither happy nor useful. He has friends of a certain kind, but so soon as his money is gone his friends will but some think Him a Jew who died be gone too. The friends of a spend-

The unselfish and manly man does not waste his money nor his time. He gives his money and himself also to those pursuits which will do most good. When the subway explosion occurred in the city of New York few months ago, in which much valuab e property was destroyed and many lives 1 st, one young man forgot himself and rushed into the burning pow er house and tried to extinguish the flames. He might have run the other way and saved his life. No one would have accused him of c wardice or neginterest and thinking only of others, he gave himself for his fellow-men.

himself for other. We may not know him, but when we hear of his unselfish heart and will responded, without deed a feeling of respect is kindled knowing it, to the claim set upon me within us. When yellow fever broke by my loved ones, and I know at that out among the American soldiers in Cuba an officer in charge of a battalion of colored troops called on them to vo'unteer to nurse the sick. He told dom and the child was born again. I home in the evening. "Now," said them that it was a dangerous service, he, "I must honor and obey God in not the kind of service they had expected when they enlisted, and that many of them would lose their lives if "Oh, no," said the tempter, "not they shou'd undertake it; that it was to you also, "Be very, very careful not the kind of death a silder cared that you are converted." If you put to die, and he could not detain them, but asked them to volunteer. Every man in the battalion volunteered. know what my wife and sister will Two weeks afterward the same opporsuffering soldiers in the army. Whathave never prayed much. You are race, no man who has a true heart not acquainted with the language of beating in his bosom can help honoring such a spirit of self-sacrifice for He passed into his dwelling, and and keep all you get, or spent all on then. - G. Campbell Morgan.

We may not be called to give our name of the Lord Jesus, he poured lives for others in a fire or hospital. Ours is an easier task. We are called and grace from on high to assist him to remember our fellow men who are not so highly favored as we are, and do When he met his wife that evening, what we can to give them the light We have little skill to serve. We may it with promptness. Many a child has "Would you have any objections to be tempted to think that what we can choked to death with croup because do is so little that it make no difference whether we do it or not. This is an "Bring me a Bible then, please, their abundance. Her little offering and draw up under the gaslight, and has done more to bless the world than He read a chapter and then kneeled | that day cast into the treasure of the was alone on his knees. He lifted up time, it may be a word fitly spoken, it merciful to me a sinner !" And gather- make it count for infinite results. He

### The Gospel of the Dollar

to steal, but warned of the penalty and truths in the following: "A cloud in di-grace of being discovered. We are the sky will oftentimes keep one from strengthening to-day a teaching which, the prayer-meeting when the breakin its final harvest, must be as disas- ing storm will not keep him from the trous to our moral welfare as that place of gay entertainment. It depends other pernicious teaching of olden on the disposition of the heart. Some time. There is scarcely a young man lit le thing has kept many a among us who is not constantly ad- soul from going to Christ and monished to get rich. Who knows being saved. A laugh may send to-day of a young woman given in one to hell, but all the laughter marriage of some one does not inquire of a lost universe can never if she has done well or not. It is a get him out and into heaven. It common thought among us that money is a good dead more manly and sensiand love are the truest yoke-fellows | ble to determine, as the eunuch, that and that without it living is much like nothing shall deter us from the infinite keeping comfortable in the Arctic privilege of being saved than it is to

Such thinking and such teaching are laden with evil. In this age, when everything is kept at a white heat inensity, there is no need to goad men on to seek wealth. Every pile of brick and stone has a thousard tongue; selves, wth all our might, will choose which from their throats of stone sing forth the gospel of the dollar. Every band of steel, every iron herse running toward the ocean, every ship sailing over the leagues of the shining sea is giving this gospel not only a voice, but a powerful exposition. Humanity to-day is living at such a pace, putting every ounce of vitality into the task of life, as must drive a constantly in creasing number of individua's to suicide or into insanity. And the ncreasing demand for more energy and push in all the tasks of to-day in its last analysis is a cry for more gleam ing gold, more palaces and more aching hearts.

It is a great mistake to measure everything to-day by commercial or material standards alone. We hear everywhere the cry: "Will it pay? The spicitual or aesthetic possibilities of any matter are the last to receive attention. Do we denounce wealth and canonize poverty? Far be it from us. God does not curse men for being rich, but for being mean. He does not bless men for being ragged, but for being righteous. In each case God knows the treasurs of spirit and character rather than the treasures of gold and the penury of poverty -Rev. Clyde Clay Cissel.

### Evidence of Conversion

You will ask, "When and where was your conversion?" I do not know. I have never been able to lect of duty. But forgetting his own date it. I cannot tell you where it was. I am perfectly sure that at some time in those years to what my parents All men honor the hero who gives told me of my relation to God I said, "Amen"; that at some moment my moment the will of the child said "Yes" to the will of the King, and the King took the child into his kingsay that without hesitation. I say it for the encouragement of others who may not be able to find a date when they were converted; but I say this the question back on me to-night, "How do you know you are born again?" I do not know how I am born again by any experience of thirty tunity was given, and all of those who | years ago, but by the present throbremained volunteered a second time. bing of God in my life and soul, his They gave their lives for the sick and Spirit bearing witness wi h my spirit here and now. I am his, and none can ever may be our opinion of the colored deny me the witness of his Spirit. And I think there is nothing more dangerous than that people should build upon an experience thirty years others It is the opposite of that old, and think they are Christians now spirit which says, "Get all you can because something happened to them

### WHY CROUP IS FATAL.

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### Mighty Truths

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BLACK KID GLOVES, if worn every day, soon become shabby, even although an actual hole has not made an appearance. As soon as the fingers or other parts of the kid show signs of becoming white, put the glove on the hand, and rub it gently with a flannel dipped in olive oil and soot. This will restore both the color and gloss of the

There is no human life so poor and small as not to hold many a divine possibility. - James Martineau. 

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