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## EDITORIAL.

### MORE ABOUT PRAYER FOR THE DEAD.

The St. John Daily Standard of Oct.  
18th contained the following:

#### CAN METHODISTS PRAY FOR DEAD?

The Wesleyan is Inclined to Believe They  
Can, if Belief in Purgatory Not Held.

Discussing Anglican and Roman Cath-  
olic prayers for the dead, the Wesleyan,  
the Methodist organ, says:

"Whilst we do not believe in purgatory  
or that any change can be made in the  
standing of the departed, and whilst we  
believe that God, without any of the poor  
intercessions of men on earth, will lead  
his redeemed ones on in the unfoldings of  
a glorious eternity, we cannot understand  
how we could pray for our loved ones,  
through long years, on earth, and not talk  
to God about them when He has taken  
them away from us. Call it prayer or com-  
munion or what you will, without any  
thought of purgatory, devoted souls in  
their prayers will link their thoughts and  
intercessions with their loved ones and  
God, with them and Christ, with them and  
heaven."

This paragraph from the Wesleyan is  
certainly put in very diplomatic form,  
quite non-committal, and leaves the read-  
er in a mist of uncertainty as to the real  
opinion of the writer. He states two things  
that he does not believe, "in purgatory, or  
any change can be made in the standing of  
the departed." Then states what he be-  
lieves, the remainder of the paragraph re-  
minds us of an old physician who prac-  
ticed on a circuit where we were once  
stationed, in prescribing for a patient he  
would say, "his will do you no harm any-  
way, and if it don't do you any good we  
will try something else."

This has developed a question in our  
mind, is this prayer for the dead to meet  
an exigency brought about by the War? Is  
it a tactical movement to hold the living  
from seeking relief at an altar where gold  
is claimed to reach beyond the confines of  
this life? If so, and we do not know that

it is (but if this is the purpose in view,  
will these tactics (and those referred to in  
our issue of Oct. 15th) stand before the  
clear light of the Holy Spirit, or of the  
Judgment?

We know of a case where a man was  
converted and wished to be baptized by  
immersion, but his pastor did not believe  
in that mode of baptism, and there was to  
be a baptism by immersion a short dis-  
tance away, and the brother suggested to  
his pastor that he would go and be bap-  
tized with the others, and return in the  
evening and unite with his home church.  
His pastor replied, While I don't believe  
in that mode, I will administer it myself  
rather than have you go to the other man;  
and he went to his pulpit in the evening  
and preached a sermon against immersion  
as a mode of baptism, which he had ad-  
ministered himself a few hours before.

It is indeed remarkable what people  
will do, to what lengths they will go for a  
small crumb of comfort. We knew of a  
woman of more than ordinary intelligence,  
whose husband held a responsible posi-  
tion, both of whom were real examples of  
morality, and held a place among the best  
people in the community. They had one  
son, a fine promising boy, who like his  
father and mother, lived a good clean life.  
But so far as we knew these people rarely  
went to church, but were absorbed in the  
affairs of business life. The son suddenly  
sickened and died. Being his mother's idol,  
it well nigh broke her heart and she, de-  
spite her good sense and good judgment,  
spent her remaining days and her money  
following up spiritualists in their pretense  
of communicating with the dead son.

It reveals a very sad state that people  
who have not a personal experimental  
knowledge of God are thrown into, when  
they reach a crisis in their lives where  
man's sympathies and powers and offices  
cannot possibly meet the crying need of  
their hearts. This great cry of grief for  
help should awaken and stir the hearts of  
the ministry of all denominations of the  
present day, and cause them to throw off  
all impotent formalities, and bravely step  
out like Luther, and declare a living faith,  
through which peace with God can be ob-  
tained, and speak with the voice and zeal  
of Roland Hill, as he proclaimed salvation  
in the streets, and in barns, and on the  
hillside, anywhere so long as the message  
reached the people, "determined to know  
nothing save Jesus Christ and him cruci-  
fied." And as the Wesleys who by sermon  
and soul-stirring hymns led the church  
into the clear sunlight of scriptural life  
and to the hilltops of holy joy, and into  
depths of spiritual power. The soul cry of  
today should break the bonds of commer-  
cialism, and denominational rivalry with  
all other bonds that bind the people in  
select companies with the great central  
purpose of enlargement in numbers and  
power. And work directly for the one  
great object of the mission of Jesus Christ  
to save the world through an individual  
experimental knowledge of God.

"For God so loved the world that He  
gave His only begotten Son that whoso-  
ever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life. For God sent  
not his Son into the world to condemn the  
world; but that the world through him  
might be saved."

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## MORE BEDDING NEEDED FOR BEULAH.

There is much need of more linen—  
sheets and pillow cases. There should be  
enough of these to supply all the beds  
twice, while now there are not enough to  
go all the way around once. In some in-  
stances blankets are used, but in most  
every instance sheets are requested. Now  
the particular point is this: Supposing  
there are enough to make up all the beds  
of a Saturday night, when many of those  
who came for over Sunday are gone, and  
new ones begin to come in on Monday and  
Tuesday, what is to be done? No one these  
days feels like using soiled linen, nor do  
those who make up the beds feel like mak-  
ing up the beds again with used linen.  
Someone will say, get them washed Mon-  
day! Well, that can be done some times,  
but all are aware that it makes extra work  
to get someone to do the washing and be-  
sides it takes sunshine to dry things, and  
sunshine has been a luxury at Beulah the  
last few seasons. Speaking in particular for  
the Hotel, there are twenty-two rooms with  
about enough linen to make up the beds  
once; there should be not less than forty-  
four sheets and pillow cases more. Then  
it would be possible to send one lot to the  
laundry on Monday and get it back for the  
rush on Saturday. There are quilts enough  
and I think pillows enough, although if the  
weather is cold there is sometimes a call  
for an extra quilt. There are not enough  
to supply two for a bed. I hope there will  
be a generous response and next year will  
find just twice as much linen for Beulah  
Camp Ground.

H. C. MULLEN.

## MORE LOVE.

By T. A. J.

I want more love, Oh, holy Dove,  
I want more love from Thee;  
Because I know that without love  
Thy face I cannot see.

Its love, its love! Oh, yes, its love,  
Its love we get from Thee:  
That gives us perfect unity  
And makes us all agree.

Baptize us, Lord, with tender love,  
Baptize us, Lord, today;  
Baptize us so it will be love  
In all we do or say.

Oh, love, love,, love, Oh, holy Dove!  
Please come and fill us full,  
So that we'll go to work for Thee,  
And all together pull.

Now if we'll bow before the Lord,  
All on the altar lay;  
Then God will fill us with His love  
Yes, fill us full each day.

Then let us mind the great command,  
And mind it every day:  
And then we know, all will be well,  
Is prayer of T. A. J.