



PRAYER A GREAT PRIVILEGE.
Matthew vi, 1-18—June 2.
"Do not think that ye do not your righteousness before men to be seen of them, else ye have no reward with your Father which is in heaven."—Matthew vi, 1 (R. V.)

In today's lesson the Master tells of proper and improper giving of charity. He also explains proper and improper prayers and finally proper and improper fasting. In all these He denounces hypocrisy. His followers are to be actuated solely by a desire to please the Heavenly Father. We may be seen to do good or to pray or to fast, but we are not to do these to be seen. Of such the Lord says, "They have received their reward"—nothing more is coming to them; they get the publicity sought.

The Privilege of Prayer.
Jesus did not command His disciples to pray, nor did He even give them a form of prayer until requested. The Lord's people must feel their need of Divine help to appreciate the privilege of approaching the throne of grace. It will be noticed also that our Lord merely taught His disciples: "When ye pray." As a matter of fact, the Gentiles, the world of mankind in general, have no access to the Throne of grace. "God heareth not sinners."—John ix, 31. The world in general, the race of Adam, was alienated from God through wicked works. Adam was under covenant with God by which he enjoyed the privileges of a son of God. This included fellowship, communion, prayer and Divine supervision and care even to the extent of everlasting life. But Adam's disobedience abolished that covenant relationship and all its privileges.—Eph. vi, 7, R. V.

The only ones, therefore, who now enjoy the privilege of prayer are those who have been accepted of God back into covenant-relationship. Instead of exhorting our friends and neighbors to pray to God and to trust for the fulfillment of their prayers, we should give them the Scriptural counsel—to repent of sin and by faith accept the forgiveness of their sins, according to the testimony of God's Word, by making a full consecration of themselves to be followers of Jesus.

A Form of Sound Words.
Responding to the request of His disciples Jesus gave a sample of a proper prayer. We note its brevity, simplicity, directness, orderliness. (1) "Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed (adored, honored) be Thy name." God's Name represents His character, His Kingdom, His personality. First of all, then, we ascribe honor, reverence, majesty, glory to our great Creator, whom, through His appointed way, we delight to call our Father in Heaven.

(2) Next in order we acknowledge the Divine authority. This means that our hearts are submissive to the will of God, for joy or sorrow, for pleasure or pain, for life or death, and that we have confidence in the Divine power and promise that ultimately the Divine will shall be as fully done on earth as it is now done in Heaven: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven." In this we recognize the coming of Messiah's Kingdom and indirectly our own hopes connected with that Kingdom—that we, if faithful, shall be associated with the Lord in His glorious Throne, in dispensing the blessings of Divine power and mercy to mankind, so as to effect the regeneration of all the willing and obedient.

(3) "Give us this day our daily bread." God has promised that our bread and our water shall be sure. He has not promised, nor are we to ask for an abundance, wealth, riches, nor are we to specify fine food or luxuries. The thought is, Grant us daily such provisions for life's necessities as seemeth to Thee best for us.

(4) "Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors." Here is emphasized the Master's teaching that only the merciful shall obtain mercy, that only the forgiving shall be forgiven.

(5) "Lead us not into temptation [to abandon us there]." We feel our own weakness, imperfection; hence, while knowing that we must be brought in Divine providence into positions of trial, testing, we may well pray not to be abandoned there, not to be left to our own strength, but that His grace may be sufficient for us.

(6) The Bible assures us that there is an Evil One, and that he has great power and influence amongst men, that he is "the Prince of the power of the air," and "the god of this Age." How appropriate that we request the Lord not to abandon us to the Devil's wiles. The words, "For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen," are not found in the oldest Greek manuscripts, and are therefore properly omitted in the Revised Version. We await the overthrow of Satan's Empire, and the binding of the Adversary for a thousand years, and the ushering in of the Divine Kingdom and power and glory, forever.



"The Kingdom come."



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10.00 Dresses will be	7.50
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2.50 Dresses will be	1.88
2.00 Dresses will be	1.50
1.50 Dresses will be	1.13
1.00 Dresses will be	.75
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.50 Dresses will be	.39

THE SHIRT WAIST GO THIS WAY.

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SCHWARTZ BROS.

REPAIRING FLOOD DAMAGES.

IDLE FARM HANDS WILL SUPPLY NEEDED LABOR.

Crevasse at Hymelya Has Widened to 2,500 Feet and All Work is Abandoned.

New Orleans, May 26.—Railroads in the submerged territory north and east of Meville are organizing repair gangs to be sent out this week to rush the work of repairing road beds and bridges damaged by the waters from the Dog Tail, Torras, Panther Forrest and Beulah breaks. There will be a large demand for labor, but the supply made available by idle farm hands is expected to more than equal the demand.

The Texas & Pacific, Southern Pacific and the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific sustained considerable damage by washouts. Section and bridge gangs will probably be the first to begin repairs. The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley on the east bank of the Mississippi was washed out in several places by the Beulah break, but it is believed that through train service will be possible before the end of the next week.

The crevasse at Hymelya, 30 miles above New Orleans, had widened to more than 2,500 feet today and is considerably wider than the river at this point. The government forces have been withdrawn, only a few laborers remaining to load tools and equipment. Thousands of sight-seers visited the crevasse today.

HOT WEATHER FOR THIS WEEK.

Temperature to be Above Normal—Showers and Thunderstorms.

Washington, May 26.—Hot weather is promised for the coming week over the greater part of the country east of the Rockies, according to the weekly bulletin of the weather bureau issued tonight. While temperature will be above the normal on this side of the Rockies, they will be generally below normal on the Pacific slope.

"Considerable cooler weather, however," says the bulletin, "will appear in the Northwest about Thursday and overspread the Middle West by the end of the week. The barometric pressure will remain low with showers in the northwestern districts during the next several days and a well defined storm area will overspread the middle West Wednesday or Thursday, and move eastward to the Atlantic States Friday or Saturday. Except for the showers and thunder storms attending the disturbance, the week will be one of generally fair weather.

Commencement of City Schools.

The closing exercises of the public schools of the city will be held in the opera house on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at 8 P. M. Tickets will be on sale at the drug stores on Wednesday morning. The box on the left as one enters, will be reserved for the Board of Education, on the right for the City Council.

There will be at least four women delegates to the Chicago convention, and they will all cast their ballots for the handsomest candidate, who surely will not be gentle Teddy.—Charleston Post.

WILSON CALLS IT POLITICS.

Secretary of Agriculture Aggrieved Because of Rebuke of Presbyterian General Assembly.

Washington, May 23.—Quoting the scripture, James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, commented today on the action yesterday of the Presbyterian general assembly in striking his name from the list of delegates to the Pan-Presbyterian council to be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, because he accepted last summer a vice presidency of the Brewer's congress at Chicago. "And when the sons of men come to gather before the Lord, Satan came also," he said.

"This passage seems to apply to this case for I have learned from very dependable sources on the inside that there has been a whole lot of politics behind the attack on me from certain quarters because I, as secretary of agriculture, attended a brewers' conference. It will all die out as soon as the next election is over."

The secretary expressed the opinion that Job, the much afflicted, would have made a fine secretary of agriculture. Job, he said, knew a lot about farming and mules and horses.

INSURANCE MEN MEET HERE.

Fourth Convention of Carolina Prevention Association to Be Held in This City, June 18th.

Messrs. Wallace and Moses are in receipt of a letter from the South Carolina Fire Prevention Association stating that they will meet in this city one June 18th. This is good news to the property owners of Sumter for this association goes over every fire risk in town with the owner of the property and points out to the owner defects in his property in the way of fire hazards and advises what can be done in the way of improvements and cleanliness. This association is formed by the Special Agents of the various companies represented by the local agents in this city.

It would be a good idea if the City Fathers or the Civic League would see that the city is as clean as possible for that date.

Furman University Commencement Annual Banquet.

The Furman University commencement begins Monday, June 3, and closes Wednesday, June 5. On the evening of Tuesday, June 4, at eight o'clock in the dining room of Montague Hall on the Furman University campus, will take place the annual banquet of the Alumni, former students and friends of the institution. These occasions furnish one of the most attractive features of Furman commencement, and they serve both to stimulate and maintain interest in the institution. A good supper and abundant fellowship are promised all who are on hand. Music will be furnished by a Greenville orchestra and the Furman Glee Club. The committee are B. E. Greer, C. B. Martin, J. C. Keys and R. M. Mauldin.

The annual sermon will be preached Tuesday, June 4, by Dr. C. E. Burts, of Columbia, S. C. The annual address before the Literary Societies will be preached on Wednesday morning, June 5, by Dr. Charles W. Kent, professor of English Literature in the University of Virginia.

IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

ITINERARY OF CAMPAIGN PARTY TO BE FIXED SOON.

Sumter May be Chosen as Place of First Political Meeting—Sub-Committee to Fix Assessments—Blease and Jones Now Making Separate Campaigns—Graft Trials This Week.

Columbia, May 26.—Political circles are awaiting the announcement from the sub-committee of the State Democratic executive committee of the campaign itinerary, which is in the hands of R. I. Manning, of Sumter; W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, and John Gary Evans, of Spartanburg, the State chairman. This sub-committee was appointed to draft the campaign itinerary and to make up the assessments and its report is the next matter on which candidates and political interests are waiting.

The campaign will likely open about the middle of June at either Sumter or some city in the up-country. Until the formal opening the candidates are busy shaking hands, making addresses here and there, and otherwise mapping out their course which they will pursue in seeking the votes of the people. The voters generally are awaiting the joint debate which will take place at every county seat and run right up to the eve of the election in August.

"Bleasism" continues to be the issue of the campaign and, as the time for the formal opening draws nearer, this issue is more and more being emphasized. "Will Blease be defeated and what will be Jones' majority?" are the questions daily asked by thousands of interested South Carolinians. The many and various matters, personal opinions and other merely incidental parts of the present political situation promise the most interesting campaign the State has seen in many years.

Governor Blease was at Honea Path and Ware Shoals yesterday making speeches in the interest of his candidacy for re-election. Judge Jones has been in the Pee-Dee section for the past week looking after his candidacy for the Governorship and many of the candidates for the other State offices have been in different parts of the State, putting forward their claims. This programme will probably be generally followed until the formal campaign opens.

The "graft" trials this week in the Richland County Court will keep the news circles in Columbia busy. The "Hub" Evans case is set for Tuesday and that against John Bell Towell, L. W. Boykin and W. O. Tatum, known as the "label" case is set for Wednesday. The "Hub" Evans case is not expected to consume much time, but it is likely that the "label" case will take at least the rest of the week.

No Flowers at Commencement.

Following the very wise precaution established by the class of 1911, there will be no flowers or gifts sent to the stage on either night of the Commencement.

Marriage License Record.

Eugene Pierson and Susie Williams, colored, secured a marriage license Saturday.

TO SHOUT FOR UNDERWOOD.

Georgia Delegation to Democratic Convention at Baltimore will Be Accompanied by Rooters.

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—Georgia's delegation to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore will be escorted by a special party of 1,000 Underwood enthusiasts, who will take with them three brass bands and a rifle and drum corps, it was announced today. Two special trains of Pullman coaches will be chartered for the trip and arrangements have been made for the "rooters" to occupy the coaches during their stay at Baltimore.

The delegates to the national convention will be named at the State convention to be held Wednesday, and will be instructed for Underwood, in accordance with the results of the presidential preference primary, held May 1. While Georgia is entitled to 28 votes, the delegation probably will number about 40, because of the great demand for credentials to the convention.

District delegates with the exception of those from the Fifth, which were named Saturday, will be elected at caucuses to be held here just prior to the convention.

The feature of the State gathering is expected to be the fight to be waged by Thomas E. Watson, one time Populist candidate for the presidency, for a seat on the Georgia delegation.

Watson has announced his intention of going to Baltimore for the purpose of continuing his fight against William J. Bryan.

EXCURSION RATES

Via. Southern Railway, Premier Carriers of The South.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—Account Grand Lodge K. of P. of South Carolina. Tickets on sale May 27, 28, and 29, final limit May 31, 1912.

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Account Fraternal Order Eagles and Baptist Young Peoples' Union of Georgia. Tickets on sale June 16, and 17; final limit June 24, 1912.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—Account Summer School, Winthrop College. Tickets on sale June 17, 18, and 19; final limit July 2, 1912.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Account Joint Shriners Meeting, A. A. G. N. M. S. Tickets on sale June 9, 19, and 11, final limit June 15, 1912.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Account Unveiling of the Columbus Monument. Tickets on sale June 5, 6, and 7, final limit June 12, 1912.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Account Republican National Convention. Tickets on sale June 14, 15, 16, final limit July 5, 1912.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Account Summer School of the South, University of Tennessee. Tickets on sale June 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 29, July 6, 7 and 13 1912. Tickets will be limited to reach original starting point returning not later than midnight of the 15th day from but not including, date of sale, unless extended at Knoxville. Extensions may be secured of the final limit to and including September 30, 1912 by depositing ticket and upon payment of \$1.

For further information call on ticket agents, or address, W. E. McGEHE, D. P. A., Charleston, S. C.

J. L. MEEK, A. G. P. A., Atlanta, Ga.

CHINA IS NOT ECONOMICAL.

New Republic's Estimated Expenditures for 1912 \$403,200,000 With Revenue of Only \$207,000,000.

Peking, May 23.—Revised estimates of the Chinese budget for 1912 show a revenue of 297,000,000 taels (\$207,000,000) and an expenditure of 576,000,000 taels (\$403,200,000), including extra army expenditures of 32,000,000 taels (\$22,400,000) and provisional administrative expenditures of 110,000,000 taels (\$77,000,000).

Premier Tang Shao Yi has resigned in consequence of the violent attack by the national council on his alleged prodigal expenditure of the recent small loans.

The cabinet is endeavoring to persuade him to withdraw his resignation but in some quarters it is thought the retirement of Premier Tang Shao Yi will tend to remove the growing disgust of both foreigners and Chinese.

BARNWELL R. COOK A SUICIDE.

Columbia Man Uses Shotgun to End His Life.

Columbia, May 26.—Barnwell R. Cook, a well known citizen of Columbia, committed suicide here today at his residence on Price Street. He placed the barrel of a shotgun against chest and used a fire poker to pull the trigger. He was about 56 years of age. Mr. Cook, it is said, had been despondent for some time. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Ernest G. Cook, H. J. Cook and Miss Rosa Cook, all of this city; L. V. Cook, of Brookland; Mrs. McElvaine and Mrs. DeWitt, of Effingham.

In The Police Court.

The following cases were tried in the police court Monday:

George Winn, firing pistol in city limits, cursing, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, was sent up for four months. George admitted firing the pistol and cursing, but denied being disorderly and stated that he had not resisted arrest, but had run when the police came up near him because he was scared. He also drew a pistol on one of the policemen who was pursuing him and threatened to shoot him. He was given a sentence of \$15 or 30 days on each of three charges and \$100 or 30 days for resisting arrest.

J. M. Harrison, violation of health ordinance by pouring slops in vacant lot, \$5 or 5 days.

Monthly Report of City Nurse.

For the month beginning April 24 to May 24, 1912.

Nurse—R. M. Jackson.	
Patients.....	30
Tuberculosis patients.....	5
Total number visits.....	289
Visits to tuberculosis patients.....	45
Sent to hospitals.....	2
Died.....	0
Dismissed.....	20
Remaining under treatment.....	10
Remarks: Milk and fresh eggs, bed linen and clothes are solicited for this cause.	

New York Cotton Market.

New York, May 27.	
Open.	Close.
May.....	10.95—96
July.....	11.09—10.96—97
Aug.....	11.15—11.02—04
Oct.....	11.27—11.13—14
Dec.....	11.33—11.24—25