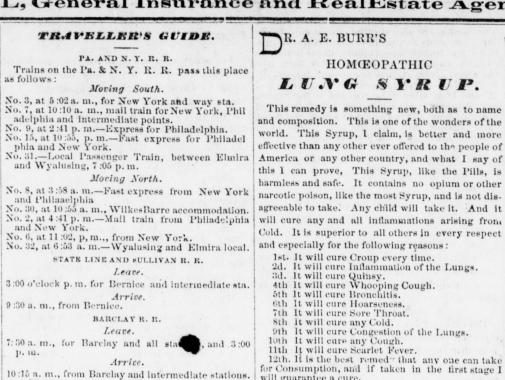
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Bishop Ryan, of St. Louis, in his Lenten Pastoral takes ground far above the mere minutiæ of bread and meat and gives advice, the spirit of which may be found profitable to the devout of other communions as well as to those of his own. He says: "We also again remind you that the season of Lent is sanctified not only by fasting and abstenance and penitential observance, but a.so by a spirit of prayer, by more frequent attend- No. 8, at 3:58 a. m.-Fast express from New York ance at Divine worship and religious services, by more regular and lengthy family devotions, by avoiding worldly dissipation and all unnecessary idulgence. In all the churches during Lent there will be special instructions and devotional exer- 3:00 o'clock p. m. for Bernice and intermediate sta. cises, such as Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the clergy will afford all an opportunity of approaching the Sacraments. We 7:30 a.m., for Barelay and all sta hope that no one will be found to neglect the Paschal Communion, which is of strict obligation within the Easter time, the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, and as each pastor, in the yearly account of his mission, is required to report the Leaves at 10:30 a.m. Arrives at 1 p.m. number of those who neglect their Easter duty, we will indulge the hope that the number of those who are Catholics ouly Arrives at 12 m. Leaves at 2 p. m. in name, who despise the gifts and graces of God and forfeit all right and title to and pribileges of membership in God's Holy Church during life and after death, will be shown to be very small and yearly growing less. These holy Sacraments are the channels through which flow unto our souls from the Saviour's fountains the water of life; they are by God's appointment the sources of supernatural grace: through them we are made partakers of the merits of Christ. Let no one, then, through carelessness or neglect deprive himself of what our Blessed Lord has purchased for him at the price of His very life, for 'you were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold or silver, but with the prescious blood of Christ.' "

Spurgeon has been saying something worth remmbering on public prayer, which hethinks is often conducted in a very slovenly manuer. He says: "It is my solemn conviction that the prayer is one of the most weighty, useful and honorable parts of the service and that it ought to be even more considered than the sermon. There must be no putting up anybodies or nobodies to pray and "then, the selection of the abler man to preach. Appoint the ablest man to pray and let the sermon be slurred, rather than the approach to heaven." The Messenger adds: "The idea prevails that extemporaneous prayers in public are necessarily spiritual, because, as is alleged, they are sure to come from the heart. This is not however to be taken for granted. - Leaving all hypocrisy or self-deception out of the question, the oldest and best Christians often find themselves so flurried after years of experience that their heart's desires are disturbed. They find it hard to get rid of embarrassments which outward expressions impose, and the most pious and learned divines have cenfessed the difficulty. In fact, the sense of this difficulty has nearly always been in proportion to the gift the men have had for public prayer, and only self-sufficient persons have thought they could perform the work to the satisfaction of God and man." Towanda Council, No. 532, meets first and third Friday of each month in K. P. Hall. How is the difficulty to be got over? Some people would suggest the use of a printed ritual as an easy solution. This meets part of the objection, but not all. Even with a comprehensive form of pray- STYLES of er it is not always parcticable to meet every desire that the petitioner wishes to put up to the Throne of Grace.



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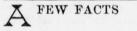
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