

Bishop Ryan, of St. Louis, in his Lenten Pastoral takes ground far above the mere minutiae 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 abstinence and penitential observance, but also by a spirit of prayer, by more frequent attendance at Divine worship and religious services, by more regular and lengthy family devotions, by avoiding worldly dissipation and all unnecessary indulgence. In all the churches during Lent there will be special instructions and devotional exercises, 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 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 number of those who neglect their Easter duty, we will indulge the hope that the number of those who are Catholics only in name, who despise the gifts and graces of God and forfeit all right and title to and privileges 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 into 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 precious blood of Christ'."

Spurgeon has been saying something worth remembering on public prayer, which he thinks is often conducted in a very slovenly manner. 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 anybody 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 confessed 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." 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 prayer it is not always practicable to meet every desire that the petitioner wishes to put up to the Throne of Grace.

No man ever fails on great occasions who schools himself day by day in the faithful and conscientious doing of life's common duties.—Prof. Coddington.

Our creeds are preached on Sunday; our characters preach all the week.—Prof. Coddington.

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No. 8, at 3:58 a. m.—Fast express from New York and Philadelphia.  
No. 30, at 10:55 a. m., WilkesBarre accommodation.  
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10:15 a. m., from Barclay and intermediate stations, and 6:20 p. m.  
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Northern Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 16. Meets fourth Wednesday each month.  
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Towanda Lodge, No. 290. Meets every Tuesday evening.  
Endowment Rank, Section 101. Meets Third Friday in each month.  
**ODD FELLOWS.**  
Bradford Lodge, No. 167. Meets every Monday night.  
Bradford Encampment, No. 41. Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday night of each month.  
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Crystal Lodge. Meets every Monday evening.  
Mystic Lodge, K. and L. of H. Meets Second and Fourth Friday evenings of each month.  
**G. A. R.**  
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Pomeroy Bros vs David Lindley.....issue  
N Smith vs Chas B Wright.....debt  
Hannah Ward vs John Roy.....slander  
M C Westbrook vs W G Westbrook.....asspt  
Betsey G Bullock vs Carpenter Hoagland.....issue  
Rubright and Dorman vs Minn Sps Imp Co.....sci fa  
Mary Ann Smith vs J G Rockwell.....covenant  
Eason Pepper vs S J Hickok.....eject  
G E Bullock use vs Margaret Dann.....issue  
Daniel D Watkins vs Mary A Ingalls.....eject  
Amos W Wilcox vs Peter Herdic et al.....sci fa  
J A Linderman et al vs N C R R Co.....appeal  
Henry Patterson vs James Longwell.....trespass  
E H Thomas vs J N Holcomb Gar.....att ex  
Levi Hartman & Son vs Geo E Bullock et al.....sci fa  
J R Hazlett vs Geo E Bullock et al.....sci fa  
Pomeroy Bros vs R M Manley.....appeal  
Allen S Parsons vs A J Layton.....trespass  
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