

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE HUMAN PRAYER.

FROM "THE CHOIR INVISIBLE."

[EDITORIAL NOTE: Mr. Thaddeus B. Wakeman, a well-known agitator of liberalism and a leader in the ranks of humanitarian reform, sends us a prayer which has been formulated to replace the Lord's Prayer of Christianity. He makes the following comments with regard to it:

"If it is anything at all, it is really the most important thing put in print for a *very* long time. It is the scientific solution many are after—but so simple and comprehensive, that it will have to be grown *to* or *towards* gradually. It is too immense to be readily grasped."

In giving publicity to this prayer in the columns of *The Open Court* we do not imply that we deem it adequate to fill the place for which it has been intended, either with respect to the ideas which it contains or the form in which they are expressed. As to those matters we leave it to the reader to form his own verdict.]

The prayer reads as follows:

O World, O Man, and Soul of Me—
The Endless ALL, Our *Three* in ONE!
O let me live with love and joy—
In *Thee*—In *THEE*!

So may I do for human kind
All each should do in turn for me;
So *Duty* meet with honest deeds
And noblest mind.

O let me learn to know *The True*,
So that my life may do *The Good*,—
So that my work may fruitful be
The Ages through!

Thus may my Will as *Thine* be done,
And so fulfil our highest end—
As I in *Thee* shall ever live,
And work as ONE!

So bring our Republic of MAN,
Our *Paradise* of *Earth* to be,

For Each and All—for Me and All,
 As best we can!
 So on and on!—*For evermore,*
Amen—Amen.

Mr. Wakeman explains the "Me" of the first line as follows: "The *I* or *Me* is our subjective consciousness or 'Ego,' which the objective World, Man, and Soul—the unconscious or 'sub-liminal' action of our nerve-system—constantly beget, create and sustain; or which attends that objective *Three* as a 'concomitant correlation.'"

THE SAME PRAYER

In more metrical form,

By *A Poet.*

O World, O Man, and Soul of Me—
 The Endless All; our Holy Three!
 I live and love in work and joy,
 With Thee—in Thee!

So may my life to *all* give meed,
 As other lives supply *my* need.
 To all I dedicate *my* all,
 In thought and deed.

O let me learn to know the True,
 So that the Good my hand may do—
 That what is life to me shall live
 The ages through.

O may *my* will as *thine* be done—
 Thy will and mine so closely spun
 That in the pattern of the years
 We shall be one.

So come our splendid reign of Man
 Our Paradise of Earth to plan—
 For Each and All; for Me and All.
 Amen, Amen.

BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTES.

TRAITÉ DES ASSURANCES SUR LA VIE. Avec développements sur le calcul des probabilités. Par *Prof. U. Broggi.* Paris: A. Hermann, 1907. Pp. 306.

M. S. Lattès has translated into French Professor Broggi's "Treatise on Life Insurance and Its Explanations as Based on the Calculation of Probabilities," which has been published in Paris by the Librairie Hermann. It is prefaced by M. Achard, who commends the book as especially useful. It contains the mathematical and statistic foundations of theory, the fundamental problems of the mathematical theory of life insurance, the technicalities of life insurance, and the theory of risk.