

PRAYERFUL MR. ROCKFELLER

No one will deny that John D. Rockefeller always has an eye upon the future. When he was a young man the future meant something entirely different from what it means to him now, when he is verging upon the scriptural three score and ten. That he agrees with the Psalmist is shown by the following prayer, which he delivered up at the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, last Friday evening:

"We bless Thee for the encouragement we have in the privilege of coming to worship Thee. We know the manifestation of Thy love toward us, but often forget Thee. We are sinful, but we pray that Thou wilt reach out and draw us back as Thou hast always done. May all who seek knowledge receive it. Make us stronger, make us charitable toward one another, and above all, give us patience."

John certainly has "material" manifestations of love in plenty. So many, in fact, that it is quite inexcusable in him to "forget."

That he is "sinful" many, including Dr. Gladden, Miss Tarbell and Tom Lawson, will admit. Even his bitter enemies must admire his confidence in the Supreme Goodness, as well as his frankness in bearing testimony to the fact that he has been "drawn back" on several distinct and, it is to be supposed, important occasions. There are those who would not hesitate to wager that when John has "drawn back" he took "the goods" with him.

That touch about seeking knowledge is really very fine, especially when considered in connection with Mr. Rockefeller's well-known willingness to be interviewed on subjects intimately related to his business affairs, in which the dear public has a deep, but not particularly profitable, interest.

And then his petition, "make us stronger." Isn't that touching? Some callous people, recalling the size of John's bank account and other very substantial things, will jeer and say, with a manner almost brutal, that he is too strong already and that, for the general welfare, he should be given a course of treatment.

Nobody will object to John's growth in charity toward his fellow creatures, especially to the widows and orphans of those who stood in his way when he was developing the Standard Oil monster. Charity, indeed! Did somebody say "humbug?"

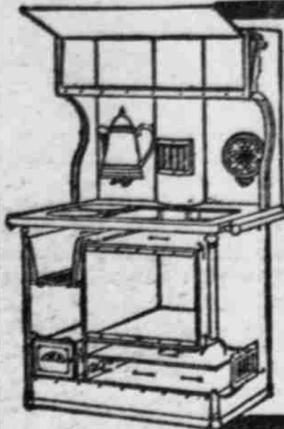
"Patience." To be sure, "give us patience" to bear with men who pray like Rockefeller and practice like the—well, never mind who. The poor have patience to spare. They need it in their business—the business of trying to remain alive under the conditions created by frauds of the pious kind and other kinds.—Providence (Rhode Island) Telegram.

THE "DUAL TARIFF."

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