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### MY PRAYER.

BY CHARLES LEMUEL THOMPSON.

"According to the riches of his glory." Eph. iii; 16.

Oh! Thou; whose presence lights my life,  
And sets my spirit free,  
My last reserves I have called up  
And now I fall on Thee.

Within the trembling battle-tent  
Where my frail soul does hide,  
Push thou thy strength and there with me  
In peace and rest abide.

Not as I would, do Thou for me,  
Let not my prayer set  
The measure of thy boundless grace;  
But deeper—fuller yet—

Be Thou thyself the only bound,  
Thy love the only goal,  
According to thy glory pour  
Thy fulness on my soul.

### THE WORLD.

Murderous Designs. **A**TTEMPTS on the lives of Emperor William and Chancellor von Caprivi have been made recently. The plans adopted for the removal of the ruler and his chief official were substantially the same, and the infernal machines were sent from the same place, Orleans, France. It is understood that gardening is the Chan-

cellor's pastime, and it was supposed by the sender that curiosity would tempt Caprivi to open the box said to contain a choice variety of seed, with his own hand. The scheme was effectually defeated. There is not much danger of prominent public men handling in the first instance the parcels addressed to them. In the dark ages kings afraid of being taken off by poisoned viands are said to have had tasters of the food and wine prepared for the royal table, so that if any killing was done the subordinate would be the probable victim. Nowadays the private secretary and personal attendants of great personages run considerable risks. Fortunately in this instance no serious mishap occurred either at the chancellerie or the palace. The parcel addressed to Caprivi when casually examined was regarded as suspicious because loose grains of gunpowder were seen oozing from its folds. It was then immersed in water and well soaked before further investigation, which showed that apprehensions of evil were well founded. The affair was artfully constructed on the supposition that the process of opening would cause an explosion that might be fatal to the recipient. The box designed for the Emperor had been similarly prepared. As yet the miscreant who planned this murderous attempt has not been detected and the motive behind it is a matter of conjecture. It came from France, but a well-known French correspondent, for the honor of his countrymen, assigns the deed to some German anarchist who purposely selected Orleans as his terminus a quo. On the other hand Germans hint that impatient Frenchmen are to blame for the conception of the dastardly crime, hoping thereby to precipitate events to which the Franco-Russian alliance is supposed to lead up. Meanwhile President Carnot has given assurance that every effort will be put forth to capture the guilty parties and to unravel the whole affair. Insurance companies will have to raise their rates on policies taken out by kings and other exalted dignitaries, if such attempts at assassination become frequent.

It is sometimes extremely difficult to ascertain Contradictory Reports, the actual facts concerning revolutionary movements in South America. Meager despatches take on the coloring the parties sending them desire. The accounts from Brazil last week were more than ordinarily contradictory. One set of reports made it out that Admiral Mello had met with severe reverses and that the collapse of the movement with which he is identified was imminent, that the cruisers now on their way to Brazil would have no enemy to encounter; their entry into the harbor of Rio de Janeiro would be a triumphantly peaceful parade. But again telegrams from insurgent sources represented President Peixoto as being deprived of patriotic sympathy, having only the support of his army. His treatment of the disaffected