

pulpit and addressing his congregation thus, come you are all good fellows, well take another glass together it is recorded of rev. urian oakes that often the hour glass was turned four times during one of his sermons. the warning legend, be short, which cotton mather inscribed over his study door was not written over his pulpit; for he wrote in his diary that at his own ordination he prayed for an hour and a quarter, and preached for an hour and three quarters. added to the other ordination exercises these long mather addresses must have been tiresome enough. nathaniel ward deplored at that time, we have a strong weakness in new england that when we are speaking, we know not how to conclude: we make many ends before we make an end. dr. lord of norwich always made a prayer which was one hour long; and an early dutch traveller who visited new england asserted that he had heard there on fast day a prayer which was two hours long. these long prayers were universal and most highly esteemed, a poor gift in prayer being a most deplored and even despised clerical short coming. had not the puritans left the church of england to escape stinted prayers whitefield prayed openly for parson barrett of hopkinton, who could pray neither freely, nor well, that god would open this dumb dogs mouth; and everywhere in the puritan church, precatory eloquence as evinced in long prayers was felt to be the greatest glory of the minister, and the highest tribute to god. in nearly all the churches the assembled people stood during prayer time since kneeling and bowing the head savored of romish very sorry to think that any motives personal to herself had led to his decision; she owed much, very much, to his exertions and had great pleasure in expressing her obligations. he was aware, of course, that the property he had been managing had been purchased originally partly with her fortune and partly out of her husbands pocket, and that half of it was therefore hers and half of it the property of marcus and himself; but that by her husbands will the control and management were hers absolutely. she had endeavored to carry out the intentions of her deceased husband by entrusting the stewardship of the estate to demetrius while he was still quite young; under his care the income had increased, and she had no doubt that in the future he might achieve even greater results; at the same time, the misunderstandings that the whole business had given rise to were not to be endured, and must positively be put an end to, even if their income were to diminish by half. i, she exclaimed, am a christian, with my whole heart and soul. i have dedicated my body and life to the service of my saviour. what shall all the treasures of the world profit me if i lose my soul; and that, which is my immortal part, must inevitably perish if i allow my pockets to be filled by the toil of heathen peasants and slaves. i therefore must insist and on this point i will not yield a jot that our slaves in cyrenaica, a flock of more than three thousand erring sheep, shall either submit to be baptized or be removed to make way for christians. that is to say began demetrius hastily. i have not yet done, she interrupted. so far as the peasants are concerned who rent and farm our land they all, without exception as you and rolled from side to side, the lower portions of the serpents bodies and their tails being free to lash and writhe about in the air, while at a second glance the spectators began to realise the fact that all around, gliding in and out amongst the stones, were hundreds upon hundreds more of the reptiles, apparently urged on by some savage instinct to form other knots, till the whole of the hollow in front seemed to be alive with the loathsome creatures. did you ever see anything like this before, griggs said the doctor, who was the first to speak. never, sir; but an old gold prospector once told me that he had seen just such a sight, only i put it down to being a yarn told to cram me. but theyre not poisonous not rattlesnakes, surely said bourne. they surely are, cried wilton. hark cant you hear its like a dull thrilling sound. here, i dont want to be the first to run, but i cant stand this; im off. wed better all be off, cried the doctor. here, griggs, head round your bell mule and lets get away. you seem to have led us right into the empire of snakes. quick, look alive, or the poor brutes will be right amongst the reptiles. not they, sir; they smell em now. come and help, or we shall have a stampede. twelve. chris has a fit. every one made a dash to avert the disaster on hearing their leaders words, but the stampede had already begun. disaster of a serious kind was about to fall upon the little expedition, and but for