

Letter Leaflet of the Woman's Auxiliary

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

REMEMBER AT NOON TO PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: January—Rupert's Land; The Zenanas. February—Columbia, B.C., China.

[PROVINCIAL] .C.E.Z.M.S.—First meeting at the new offices opened with special prayer. The financial statement gave cause for thankfulness, increase being reported, both in contributions from Associations and direct: this was recognized by the Committee as a proof of diligent, prayerful work. Nevertheless, our financial position is a grave one, for while up to September 30th, 1898. the amount contributed exceeds by £2,000 that contributed in the same period of 1897, the foreign expenditure has increased by £5,000. Mr. Macdonald strongly emphasized the absolute necessity of raising the additional £8,000 this year over last year's income, as although there is this increase in the ordinary income of the Society, the receipts from legacies are £649 this year, as against £3,786 last year, within the same period, and special funds have reached this year £1,029, as against £3,708 last year, the latter having been mainly due to the Commemoration Fund. The Committee, feeling keenly the solemn responsibility before us as a Society, knelt together while Mr. Tonge committed the anxiety and our need to the Lord of Heaven and Earth. The Committee asked that a special message should be sent to the Association Secretaries informing them of the financial position, and asking them to continue in prayer and to solicit the prayers of all our fellow-helpers, that by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, this great need may be known unto God. It is also requested that the Association Secretaries would kindly make the fact known among their local Secretaries that immediate remittances, of even small amounts, would be of great service in the present distress as at this time of year the out-goings are larger, and the in-comings smaller than at others.