

*by power, but by my Spirit" that the battle is to be won? And hence they rest satisfied if a good student, or one who is a "born organizer" has been secured, and depending on such qualification, do not follow the example of Nehemiah, who, while working with all the ability and strength of which he was capable, continually prayed to the God of heaven. Thus saith the Lord God, "I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."*

Therefore all may *serve*, though some must "stand and wait,"  
Be ours the wrestling prayer that will not tire.

*For those offering themselves.*

"The Lord giveth the Word. The women that publish the tidings are a great host." Psalms lxxviii. 11 (Rev. Ver.).

Not many years ago we were praying for open doors that the Gospel might enter in. These prayers were abundantly answered. Next we asked that many might be moved by the Holy Spirit to consecrate themselves to the service of the Master and their heathen sisters. That this also has been largely realized is evidenced by the fact that we have applications for positions in the field from some for whom the way has not fully opened. Let us now pray that there may be given patience while waiting providential openings and direction. That in their hearts missionary fire may burn brightly, and though not permitted at present to engage personally in this glorious work, yet in other though humbler spheres of usefulness may the Master graciously accept of their loving service, and make them His honored agents in the salvation of many souls. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

*Our workers in the field.* Exodus xvii. 8-12.

While we rejoice that the Lord of the harvest has so manifestly answered the prayer of the Church to send more laborers into the vineyard, we do not forget those who are already in the field. They have gone out to win souls? Are we praying that they may be wise to do so? They marvel at the unbelief of the people? Are we praying that the Word taught may be mixed with faith in those who hear it? In their loneliness, amid discouragements and many privations, are we praying that God may be to them a satisfactory portion, more than home or friends, or home privileges and comforts? Are we not in danger of forgetting that something more is needed in our work than money or even workers? These are necessary, but with them must go the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that those to whom they are sent may be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. And this we may have in answer to believing, earnest, importunate prayer. Only some may go; most can give; all can pray. Paul, the great missionary of apostolic times, felt the need and asked for the prayers of the Church, "that the Word of God may have free course and be glorified," 2 Thess. iii. 1. 2 Cor. i. 11, "Ye also helping together with prayer. Eph. vi. 18, 19, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit . . . and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel;" also, Col. iv. 3.