

## PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

## SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

## FEBRUARY.

For all auxiliaries, mission circles and bands; executive, supply and literature committees; conference and district organizers—representatives to annual conferences. John xv. 5.

These subjects of prayer form the structure of our Society, the foundation must be made secure or the building will not endure, but the text for the month, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing." if earnestly believed and trusted in ensures all things: God the Father, the husbandmen, the caretaker, the tiller, the receiver; Christ, His Son, the vine, whose love, power and grace proceed out of the Father in all the fulness and strength of the Godhead; we, *me*, all members of auxiliaries, mission circles and bands the branches; *the branches* truly grafted, firmly abiding, bringing forth fruit—all through the love of Christ and that alone secured by prayer.

Eighteen hundred and fifty-seven years ago woman received her commission as a publisher of the good tidings of a risen Saviour, and all through the New Testament history we find her working *with* the disciples; the records of her work during the succeeding centuries almost cease, but the leaven was only hidden, never quite dying out, and in the first quarter of this century the bubbles indicating the life of the leaven began to appear. In 1834 the first Missionary Society of and for women was organized in England, the "Society for Education in the East;" three years later the women of the Wesleyan Churches in Scotland organized; always beginning along the line of secular teaching, and deftly weaving in the Gospel truth as the Master opened the way. This was a dawning of a new day, and now there are over forty such societies and boards.

The first in our own land were those of the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal, organized in 1876, the Baptists following the next year; to-day, nearly every Protestant evangelical Church has its "Woman's Missionary Society," held in high honor, trusted with important measures and sharing the grave responsibility of "bringing in the sheaves" from the heathen world. But this state of affairs has not been reached without many heartaches, many struggles, for strange as it may seem, many in the Christian Church could not see eye to eye with these women; but that the work was not of human thought or invention is proved by the rapid overcoming of what would have otherwise seemed insurmountable obstacles. The croakers are not all dead, and the laborers in our work must needs be on the alert, kept well informed, "be instant in season and out of season" in loving, giving, serving and praying, with an eye single to God's glory, in the spreading of this work of rescuing our sisters in darkened lands, bringing them—and through them the world—to the light of Jesus' love.

Prayer, full consecration to God's service, a realization of woman's place in the evangelization of the world, and a willing-