

PRAYER CARD STUDY.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

AUGUST.

For the Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland. Mark x. 16.

For India—The Ramabai effort to elevate the millions of child-widows; for all the suffering and benighted women of that land. Isaiah lviii. 6.

For the extension of God's kingdom in Africa. Psalm lxxviii. 31.

SCRIPTURE READING.—*Isaiah lviii. 1-12; also Mark vi. 32-45.*

The Methodist Orphanage at St. John's, Nfld, though an institution of comparatively recent origin, and one which is not encircled by the halo of romance which the semi-heathenism of their inmates casts around the McDougall Orphanage and the Chinese Girls' Home, has, nevertheless, strong claims upon the sympathy and prayers of all members of the Women's Missionary Society. For surely to Him who put His hands upon little children and blessed them, orphans of white skin and English speaking tongue are as dear as those of tawny color and barbarous speech.

The need of an orphanage for our denomination had long been felt, but so many are the claims upon Newfoundland Methodism that it was not until the summer of 1888 that a start was deemed practicable. Operations were commenced on a very limited scale. Four small rooms were hired and fitted up, a suitable matron engaged; and under her charge were placed two little girls.

The number increased rapidly, and it was felt the accommodation was becoming insufficient, when, in April, 1889, an outbreak of diphtheria (then epidemic in the town) among the inmates rendered removal imperative. A more commodious house in the suburbs was secured, and here up to this date the work has been carried on. Even now limited accommodation greatly impedes success, but it is hoped that that obstacle will be removed in the near future. Among the generous bequests of the late Hon. C. R. Ayre was a legacy sufficient to build a suitable structure. Plans for this have been drawn up, and it will speedily be in course of erection.

Thirty-three girls have been placed in the Orphanage since its commencement. Of these, nine have gone to service, and are generally giving satisfaction; one, a bright little maiden, died of diphtheria in May, 1889; and twenty-three still remain under the matron's care, being trained for future usefulness.

The grant of \$400 made by the Women's Missionary Society towards this institution, will surely prove to be money well expended; the only other sources of revenue being a small grant from the Government, and voluntary contributions. Those who have given to this noble charity will surely receive fourfold from Him who said: "Whosoever shall give unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only . . . verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward!"