

to a world's extent and needs ; they always will be while selfishness is lord of even nominal disciples. But what we need is supernatural power : then one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight. And this divine working comes only in answer to united prayer. No time is lost in waiting for the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire. Fire means light and heat for the believer, so that he shall no longer walk in the darkness of doubt or the chill of indifference. Fire means a consuming force that burns away, melts, subdues, all obstacles to human souls. Better, therefore, than any new standard of living and giving is a new experience of praying. As surely as believers take their stand on the promises and plead with God as Jacob did, they shall become like him, princes of God, and shall prevail. For a praying church a dying world is waiting.—*A. T. Pierson, in Missionary Review.*

Expressions of Sorrow from Abroad.

FROM our more distant fields letters are now constantly arriving, written on receipt of the intelligence of Mrs. MacMurchy's death. So uniform is the expression of sorrow, and the testimony to the value of our late beloved Foreign Secretary, that it is thought well to make one general statement about it, rather than to repeat so often in the LEAFLET what is in the minds of all. Very tender and touching are the expressions of the sense of personal bereavement coming from one and another mission home. These, and the evident appreciation on the part of our distant correspondents of the loss the Society has sustained, form an additional proof of the wide influence for good exerted by our dear friend while pursuing her work so unostentatiously amongst us. It will be understood that this paragraph takes the place of the numerous references to the matter which occur in recent letters.

Appointment of Foreign Secretary.

AT the November meeting of the Board, Mrs. Harvie was unanimously elected Foreign Secretary, and after taking a month to consider the matter, she has consented to occupy her old position. The Society is indebted to Mrs. J. M. Alexander for doing the work of the office during the last few months, pending a more permanent appointment.