

PRAYER CARD STUDY

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

OCTOBER.

For those accepted as missionaries, all others offering themselves and our agents employed in the field. Isa. vi. 8; Ps. lxxviii. 11, Rev. Ver.

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"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him," is a command at which one often staggers, and the members of the W. M. S. may be called to feel the force of it regarding some of our "accepted missionaries." They have "heard the voice of the Lord" saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and, "amid strong cries and tears," have been enabled to lay on the altar earthly ambition, home, loved ones, self, and, almost exhausted with the fierceness of the battle, have, in the solemn hush of glad victory, answered, "Here am I; send me," "Not my will, but thine." And now they are awaiting the time of departure to their designated fields of labor. The doors which were expected to open without delay do not swing back on their hinges, and the seemingly ready ones are left standing without, almost bewildered by this strange providence, and the Society no less puzzled.

Had a Missionary Board been sending Moses to rescue the children of Israel, how surprised it would have been if informed by God that the accepted leader required yet forty years of preparation. What! Moses with his education, his social advantages, his zeal for his brethren, waste forty years and God's chosen people suffer that much longer! How mysterious!

When the message came to the Saviour, "Behold, he whom thou lovest is sick," His strange delay in going perplexed the disciples and distressed his sisters. But what followed?

The disciples lost nothing by tarrying in Jerusalem. "He that believeth shall not make haste."

How long it takes us to learn that "God's ways are not as our ways!" May not the delay be occasioned by the apathy of those who "stay by the stuff?" Is there ever that sympathy with the outgoing missionary that should characterize members of one body? Have they not the same kind of heartaches, trials and perplexities that we would be subject to under the same circumstances? Can the parents give these daughters up more easily than we could give ours? Dear sisters, let us "bear one another's burdens," then we shall not lose the blessing of entering into the "fellowship of His sufferings."

"Before our Father's throne
We pour united prayers;
Our joys, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares."

Another question: *Is there not danger of sending our representatives to the forefront of the battle without a sufficient re-education on the part of the home guard that it is "not by might nor*