

Suggested Programme—July.

Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month: "India
All Mohammedan Countries."

(To be read at the opening of the meeting.)

I. Opening Exercises :

"We must help to make the song
That is waited for above."

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. The Watch-Tower.

"Watchman, tell us of the night,
What the signs of promise are."

V. President will read :

A writer in the *Harvest Field* summarises the present work of Protestant missions in India as follows: "There are to-day nearly three-fourths of a million of Protestant Christians, half a million of children are under Christian instruction, there are also 1,000 European and Eurasian preachers, another 1,000 lady workers, 5,000 native preachers, and 10,000 native teachers at work spreading Christian truth among the people."

Bishop Thoburn of the M.E. Church writes of the present opportunities in India as contrasted with forty years ago: "It is no longer necessary to go to the jungles to find inquirers. In many parts of India thousands are manifesting a practical interest in the Christian religion. Thirty years ago the great difficulty was to find converts who desired instruction. To-day enough Christian teachers cannot be found to instruct the applicants for baptism."

One-sixth of the women in India are widows.

The last census (taken in 1891) is as follows :

Widows under 4 years of age, 13,878.

Widows between 5 and 9 years, 61,040.

Widows between 10 and 14 years, 174,532.

VI. Reading: "Hindu Widowhood."*

VII. Short Sketch (seven minutes) of the Life and Work of the Pundita Ramabai.*

VIII. Prayer.

IX. Hymn. Benediction.

*Sketch of the Life and Work of the Pundita should be carefully condensed from Leaflet.

Literature for this programme will be ready about 15th June, price 6 cents, at Room 20 and the Depots. For addresses see last page.