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PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.—For journeying mercies for our missionaries now on their way; and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the workers at home.

SOME FEW THINGS GLEANED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The three needs of missions are prayer, means, and men. Do not dare to send out missionaries, and then neglect to pray for them. Whenever you kneel in prayer for yourself remember the missionaries. The prayers of the women at home have strengthened me in walking over the hard places.

We often hear it said that the heathen are hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life. It is not so. The awful fact is, that they do not want it. They are dead, dead in trespasses and sins. The women cling to their idolatry, their superstition. It is yours to rouse them, to awaken in their souls a longing for Christ.

There are 25,000 women in our Baptist churches in these Provinces, and only 4,000 in our Aid Societies.

Sin, unrestrained by Christian influence, reigns in India. It seems as though Satan's vengeance is wreaked on women in India; his heaviest blows are dealt there.

To be a widow in India is to be the most accursed thing. Twenty-one millions of widows. How many of them have gone up to the great white throne, to tell, that for eighteen centuries there had been a Saviour, and yet they never heard of Him.

Christians at home have no conception of the need of the heathen. The lack of workers is appalling.

Only one per cent. of the women in India can read. Let the sisters in the Aid Society find out just how many women belong to the church; and do not stop till every woman in the church is a member of your Aid Society; till every woman who ought to be in India is there.

The men in India come to Christ more easily than the women do:

Fifty dollars will educate a boy or girl for one year in the Grande Ligne Mission.

Seven hundred dollars worth of bedding, etc., was lost in the recent fire at Grande Ligne. Forty dollars will furnish a room. The school is in need of towelling, bedding, etc. Mission bands will do well to remember this in working during the winter. Clothing neatly mended in the Band would gladden some young heart. Send your parcels to Rev. G. Masse, Grande Ligne, Province of Quebec.

One of the very best meetings held during the annual meeting was the Memorial service on Saturday morning. The vestry was filled, and the power of the Holy Spirit present. Mrs. March spoke of her first meeting with Mrs. Selden. They had corresponded before, and each thought they would know the other at sight. For seven years they had corresponded regarding the work. Mutual burdens had been borne and conflicts endured. Our sister's words had cheered and encouraged her, she felt that we had sustained a great loss.

Miss Johnstone in moving the resolution expressing our deep sense of the loss we had met with, spoke of Mrs. Selden's consecration and interest in the work to the

very end. Hymns suggested by the thoughts expressed were joined in by one and another with trembling voices.

Mrs. Nalder seconded the resolution, speaking of the love shown to her by Mrs. Selden ever since her coming to this country, and then from all over the room came tearful words of loving praise, as worker after worker recalled the many bits of help given by Mrs. Selden, the cheery words, the loving service, the earnest, thoughtful prayers, and then our President summed all up when she said she thanked God she had ever known her, that she grieved for the missionaries who had lost a friend who could never be replaced, she had so much of the missionary spirit. And then she voiced the wish of every heart when she added, "and that we may each one of us be able to give to the Master the same loving service that Mrs. Selden gave."

Other sisters who had been called Home during the year were alluded to, and then with hearts softened and tender we turned to the work they had laid down, and many spoke of their home meetings, difficulties and trials, encouragements and longings. We doubt not, but that the influence of this gathering will be felt during all the year.

During all the years that Mrs. Selden was connected with our mission work, she never failed to remember our missionaries at Christmas. Pressed flowers gathered by herself, a loving letter and some trifling token was mailed every October.

Our sisters will miss this thoughtfulness for the first time this year. But will not very many of our sisters take up this part of the work, and follow her in this, even as in so doing she followed Christ? *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these; ye have done it unto Me."*

Mrs. Currie's Paper.

It is my object in the short time allotted me this afternoon to try and give you a glimpse of each of our stations and its work. Though I shall mention each in the order of its occupation it will be impossible to give a complete view of any one of them.

The Telugu country extending from Barwa to Madras is about 600 miles in length; containing many cities, seaport towns and thousands of villages, with a population of 17,000,000 of souls. Of these "3,000,000 is the share proportionate to the numbers and ability of Baptists of the Dominion of Canada; and by occupation of this field from Chicaco in the north to Akidu in the south-west we have assumed the responsibility of these 3,000,000 of heathens. Can we realize what an urgent need is here when we remember that 100,000 of these die every year, and 2,000 every week? Tremendous thought! 2,000 hurried unsave to eternity each week, and we have promised to try and save them. Then do we not need to be very earnest and faithful, and see to it that we are doing all we can for their salvation."

See on the map Cooanada, the first station occupied by Canadian Baptists. It was opened in 1874—"Here are half a million souls wrapped in spiritual death."

Mr. McLaurin was associated with Dr. Clough in the work at Ongole, (one of the stations of the A.B.M. Union) when he received a letter from Thomas Gabriel, a Christian Telugu, informing him that he had commenced mission work at Cooanada; had become involved in debt, and was without funds with which to carry on the mission: asking him to assume charge of the mission in the name of the Baptists of Canada. Having obtained the permission