

preaching, on tour and their medical work in the homes and in the hospital the people are reached and won for Christ. Though the climate is trying the work sometimes disheartening, yet there is a very bright side to it all.

One missionary writes—"What is the surpassing joy? It is that of pointing responsive souls to the Saviour whose arms were nailed wide on the cross to forever receive all who will come."

Can we be sharers in this grand work, in this surpassing joy? Yes, surely, for we can all *help go* by our gifts, and be laborers together with those who actually *go* by our prayers for them. Yes, we certainly can put ourselves in their places through prayer. Our returned missionaries at the recent Convention told how in several instances they had unusual power with God and power in service; they often remarked to each other that they had such freedom and joy in their work. Later on they found, what they had not known at the time, that the prayer topic for that month had been for them and the work at their station.

"Prayer is as necessary as action," Let us put ourselves, dear friends, in the places of those of whom we have spoken, but better still let us allow ourselves to be placed in such near relations to Christ, our Great Example, that we shall see things as He sees them and realize with Him the true value of souls.

"He was not willing that any should perish;  
Am I His follower, and can I live  
Longer at ease with a soul going downward,  
Lost for the lack of the help I might give?  
Perishing, perishing!  
Thou was't not willing;  
Master, forgive and inspire us anew,  
Banish our worldliness, help us to ever  
Live with Eternity's values in view."

During the grand Union Missionary meeting held in the Methodist Church, in Amherst, N.S., on Friday evening, Jan. 9th—the last meeting of week of prayer—pastor Hockin called on those present to name the mission countries which they most frequently prayed for, the fields in which, as individuals, they were most interested. Quickly came the responses, "pray for China," "remember Japan," "pray for Chicacole," "for Bobbili," "for Bimlipatam," etc., etc., till many lands were named. When these had been borne to the throne of grace in fervent, earnest petitions, the names of *missionaries* were asked for. Very tenderly were many names given, among them several of our own dear missionaries, and fervently our hearts united in the prayers that followed—prayers for an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit on those who are doing so much "for Christ's sake and the gospel's."

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN MISSIONS.

It is remarkable that the greatest enterprise of which we have any conception, should command so little interest at the present time. Whether we regard the subject of Home or Foreign Missions, the apathy is the same. Our home churches are fitted for service, often in great style. Changes are made to suit the various inclinations of the people, but they are, in many cases, simply flowery beds of ease, and the vast majority of church members are quite indifferent to the large number of perishing souls who reside within sound of the church bells. The fishermen, along our shores, having prepared their tackle, do not wait for the fish to come towards them, but rather launch out into the deep. Christ has called us to be fishers of men. Shall we not then see our duty and obey the call? The cause of the non-success of which we complain, and the slow progress made, is very much the non-recognition of individual responsibility. Too many of us are acting the part of Cain, who said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Let us rather say with the greatest of missionaries, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And perceiving our opportunity, commence at the first thing that comes to hand, and persevere till we attain the prize.

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### REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The newly appointed Home Mission Committee of W.B.M.U., met in Prince St. Baptist Church, Truro, Dec. 16th, 1901, Mrs. Martell presiding. This committee is composed of Mrs. C. H. Martell, Mrs. L. C. Layton, Great Village, Mrs. D. Gunn, Belmont, Mrs. F. S. Johnson, Acadia Mines, Mrs. M. A. McLean, Mrs. W. D. McCallum, Mrs. L. J. Walker, Mrs. W. P. King, Miss Emmie Stuart, Miss Evelyn Bool, Truro. Meeting opened with scripture reading by the president, followed by a season of prayer for more unity in the work among the members of our churches. Mrs. W. P. King was appointed secretary. It was resolved that she communicate with the secretaries of Home Mission Boards for information as to the special needs of the work, and also with the Provincial Superintendents of Mission Bands, urging them to awaken more interest among the Junior Societies.

It was thought advisable to have a special collector for Home Missions in every society, and that an effort be made to get twenty-five cents a year, from each member of the church, for that purpose. Committees were appointed to prepare articles for the *LINK* and *Tidings*. After further discussion as to the best way of carrying on the work, the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Martell.

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