

## BE THY LOVE BEFORE, BEHIND US,

## Methods of Conducting Services of Prayer.

Maps and Prayer.—Maps are great inspirers of prayer. At a conference of the Southern Methodist Church, held in New Orleans in 1901, it was the privilege of one of the speakers from the North to occupy a seat next to Mrs. F. Howard Taylor (nee Geraldine Guinness), of the China Inland Mission. Above the platform hung an immense map of the world, and it was a sight never to be forgotten to see that devout and earnest missionary turn her face to the map whenever there was an intermission between speakers, or a pause of any sort, and fix her gaze upon it. From the expression of her face, there could be little doubt that she had withdrawn herself from the world, and was redeeming the time by interceding with God for the redemption of the world.

Doctor Somerville, of Scotland, used to declare that a pocket atlas of the world was the best of all prayer-books, and while moderator of the Free Church Assembly in 1886, proved his assertion by a series of remarkable prayers, in which he interceded for all the nations of the earth in turn. The states and territories of the United States and the divisions of India and other non-Christian lands, together with many of the principal cities in each, were prayed for by name and with an intelligence that showed a wide grasp of the whole world-field.

At Kansas City nothing inspired more prayer than the great map of the world above the platform, showing the fields where volunteers had already gone to work of Christ. "One of the greatest moments of the convention," says "The Missionary Herald," "was when the great silence fell upon the audience, and continued for the space of twenty minutes, while Doctor Horton led us in intercession for the continents in turn—North America, South America, Asia, Africa, the Islands, Europe—ending

with his own country, Great Britain, and his own city, London." He closed with these words:—

"Gacious Father, permit us all henceforth to be intercessors for the Kingdom of God. Enroll us on that great roll of those who plead for the coming of the Kingdom with effective power. When we are separate from one another over all the countries of the world, may we constantly unite in spirit together, as we do at this moment, to plead with Thee for the coming of that Kingdom, and to exercise this united ministry of intercession through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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: "Can we not duplicate every :  
: woman working in China by a pray- :  
: ing-mate definitely set apart to the :  
: work of intercession at home?"— :  
: Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, in :  
: "Helps for China's New Day." :  
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## Missionary Prayer Lists.

Keeping lists of special persons and specific objects to be prayed for is one of the best aids to systematic and intelligent intercession for missions. This was one of the things especially recommended to beginners in the prayer-life by Doctor Horton at Kansas City.

It is the custom of the Rev. Ding Li Mei, the greatest evangelist in China (some say, in all the world), to keep long lists of those for whom he prays himself and whom he asks to join him in praying for others. This is one of the secrets of his marvellous power. When in China, Mr. J. Campbell White met Pastor Ding and heard of the long hours he spent in interceding for those whose names were on his lists, and of the remarkable answers that were granted to his prayers. On his return, Mr. White told his brother, Doctor W. W. White, of the New York Bible Teacher's Training School, all about it. Not long after, when Doctor White was himself in China, he, too, met Pastor Ding. In conversation with the great evangelist, he