

PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

JANUARY.

For the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as a necessary qualification for service. (Acts i. 8.)

For the plenteous operation of the Holy Spirit in respect to our work—that the field may be prepared; that the special messengers may be called, endued with power, sent and directed; that the world may be convicted: that all we, workers together with Him, may be sanctified, enlightened and quickened, and the Master glorified. (Luke xi. 13.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS.—*Luke xi. 1-18.*

We approach the threshold of another year, the season above all others which, by its associations, invites to stock-taking; and like the wise business man, we review the past, make an inventory of present resources and obligations, and with these before us, and the lessons they teach, form our resolves for future action. The annual stock-taking of the Society, as such, has already taken place, and the results of the year's operations have presented very great cause for gratitude. Who amongst us, having in any measure contributed to the general result, or having sympathy with it, could not join in a shout of praise to God for the prosperity with which He has crowned the labors of the year? But there is the individual stock-taking, the questioning, "How much have I helped or hindered? What part of Gideon's host have I resembled—the fearful ones or the valiant ones? How much has my own soul profited?" And there is also the question thrust on us all, "What shall the future be?"

WHAT ARE OUR OBLIGATIONS?

No modification has taken place in the Master's command—the commission which is the reason for our existence—"Go ye into all the world," etc. But if, during the year, we have been endeavoring to "Let that mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus," if we have been getting more closely into sympathy with Him, and viewing the world from His standpoint, learning to attach to souls the value He attached to them, we will at all events have reached the conclusion which Paul had reached, when he said (Rom. i. 14), "I am *debtor*, both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."