

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:—"We are labourers together with God."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.—For Chicacolo—that Mr. Archibald's health may be speedily restored—that special help may be given the young lady missionaries in this time of need. For a blessing on the Hospital and Reading Room.

SLEEP NOT.

1. Thess. v. 6.

Sleep not, O child of God,
The world is fast asleep;
But thou must be awake,
And constant vigil keep,
Amid the darkness of the night
Hold thou aloft the Gospel light.

Sleep not, but watchful be;
Though dark the night and long,
The morning cometh soon,
And with it gladsome song.
The "Morning Star" shall soon appear
Proclaiming that the day is near.
Sleep not, the night is spent.

And Christ is at the door;
Thy long and patient watch
Shall then for aye be o'er;
And thou among the blood-cleansed throng
Shalt sing redemption's peerless song.

Sleep not, O Christless soul,
For thee the Saviour waits;
And holds his judgments back,
But opens mercy's gates.
Arise and come; He calleth thee
The ransomed of his blood to be.

—E. P. KING.—

—London Christian.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

We are glad to see that these are increasing, while the monthly meeting is good, is absolutely necessary, and must never be neglected; yet we are sometimes apt to rest here, and feel that the one hour a month is all we are called upon for. Not so, the Church and Congregation who do not attend the monthly meeting, will perhaps forget it altogether; and in the rush and hurry of these busy days they may perhaps forget as well the claims which the heathen have upon them. Let every Aid Society remember that it is to work as well as pray. Make out a good programme not too long; talk about the meeting outside; urge friends to come. Have some one tell of the work done by our Union, in our Home and Foreign fields; of the souls being won; of the need there is of men to go and work; of the need of money and of prayers. Have bright singing—hymns in which all can join—and do not forget your collection.

"Tell it out" in this way as often as you can. Every church should have a missionary meeting at least once a month, but every church does not. Therefore rouse yourselves, women of the W. B. M. U., and make known what is being done in the harvest field, and what needs to be done. How we would smile if we knew of a busi-

ness firm who took no trouble to enquire of the work being done by those it employed; who never asked if the sales were good or bad; who never called a meeting to talk over the business. Such a firm would not live a year, and we know it.

Now then, here is the Church of Jesus, Jesus Christ, supposed to be doing business for him. News from India of souls won and baptized is in our denominational paper. In how many churches on Sunday or prayer-meetings on Wednesday, is this news read or referred to, and thanksgiving sent up to God for answered prayer? It would be good to hear of even one church where this is done.

"There is joy in the presence of the angels" when sinners turn to God. Should there not also be joy upon earth among the members of His Body?

How such joy would increase the giving, increase the praying, increase the number to go and tell the news!

SOMETHING TO DO.

Something to do for the Saviour I love,
Something to do for his kingdom above;
Something to do in obeying his call,
Something to do as the servant of all.

Something to do, tho' but little it be,
Something to do, my dear Saviour, for thee;
Something to do with a sickle to wield,
Something to do in the great harvest field!

Something to do the afflicted to cheer,
Something to do in cottages near;
Something to do for the poor and depraved,
Something to do for the millions enslaved.

Something to do for the victims of drink,
Something to do to induce them to think;
Something to do where no Bible is known,
Something to do in the use of my own.

Something to do for the toilers around,
Something to do where the children abound;
Something to do, with the wide world in view,
Something to do, though my talents be few.

Something to do, that all warfare may cease,
Something to do, the world's joy to increase;
Something to do, others' burdens to bear,
Something to do, other's, sorrows to share.

Something to do, my affections to prove,
Something to do for the dear ones I love;
Something to do for the guidance of youth,
Something to do to establish the Truth!

Something to do to avoid every snare,
Something to do by importunate prayer;
Something to do to deliver my soul,
Something to do to press on to the goal.

Something to do as the seasons roll on,
Something to do ere life's chances are gone;
Something to do ere the darkness shall fall,
Something to do ere I hear the home call.

Something to do as a light in the world,
Something to do with Faith's banner unfurled,
Work there is plenty for hearts that are true,
Ev'rywhere, always, there's something to do!

—WM. KITCHING.—

—London Christian.