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## Our Monthly Reunion.

### PRAYER TOPIC.

For those accepted as missionaries; all others offering themselves, and our agents employed in the field.

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

"And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us by the spirit which He hath given us."—1. John iii. 22 and 24.

WHEN the subjects of prayer are presented to the waiting members in the Auxiliary meeting, the thought centres upon them with degrees of interest varying according to the knowledge possessed or the appreciation of their importance.

But in considering the subject this month, there is still more than that. There is an additional interest in the fact that the accepted missionaries are going

out to do for us the work our Lord has committed to us. And thus each truly consecrated member realizes her individual interest in the agents she is helping to put in the field. To bear them up before God in prayer is not only our duty but becomes a part of our personal delight and satisfaction. It is not the formal routine of duty we desire to impress, but the happy privilege of God's children who are bidden to ask His blessing upon all their work, and to commit every care to Him.

Can we not remember them in the severance of the ties of home and social life, the privileges and comforts some of them are leaving for the Master's sake, the great changes they are to meet, the influences they are to combat, the needs they must feel in times of perplexity, the sacrifices they must often make in new and uncongenial surroundings? Can we not, considering their case, enlarge our sympathy with the work to which God has called them; give it a more believing and fervent support by our prayers and gifts, and to our faithful representatives extend a loving, sisterly interest in all they do. Can we not bind ourselves and our agents in closer covenant before God for the prosecution of the work He has set before us? They are our sisters in Christ, animated by a common love, united in a common work; their success is ours, and our success is theirs. It is not a matter of dollars and cents, so much work for so much outlay. It is a matter of earnest, devoted, consecrated co-operation in the work for which the Son of God freely offered Himself for the salvation of souls and establishment of His kingdom in the earth.

"For those offering themselves," that they may be guided to the work best adapted to the powers God has given them, that above all they may be endued with heavenly wisdom and possess, undoubted evidence that God by His spirit is calling them to the work.

### Chat with the Editor.

CHRIST! the name above every name! The name to-day the most potent in all the earth! Born and reared amid the lowly of earth, yet richer than the richest! The embodiment of all wisdom, yet despised and rejected by the wise of earth! A perfect man, a perfect God; yet reviled, stricken, scourged and crucified! Guileless, holy, meek and patient; yet betrayed, mocked and forsaken. A life of sacrifice, suffering and labor; a death of ignominy! What a commentary on the blind perverseness of humanity!

But to-day, nineteen centuries after His death, His name, His work, His teaching, His example, are the themes of scholars, the wonder of sages, the inspiration of His followers, the support of the down-trodden, the hope of the oppressed, the cheer of the disconsolate. In all lands where His name is heard, darkness dissipates, and the light of the world is acknowledged; "crooked places are made straight, rough places smooth."

Many who have no spiritual conception of Christ's power to save from sin, apprehend the mighty influence of His perfect life and the true import of