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**"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us : and establish thou the work of our hands upon us : yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."**

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## MARCH 4TH

### THE DAY OF WORLD-WIDE PRAYER

The suggested program for the Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer was given in our February issue.

Attention was also called to the fact that this year the observance of the day will be world-wide.

An Editorial in The Missionary Monthly on "The Trysting Place of Prayer" makes the following suggestive and helpful comments on this day:

"Few ideas have so seized the imagination of the women as this of a pilgrimage in every land to one meeting place—the mercy seat of God. When the earth begins her diurnal round on March 4, the women of the Orient will be seen wending their way to the place of prayer. As the day proceeds, those of other lands join the throng along the way, until from East to West one vast concourse of women will have met with one impulse which makes them kin, and the whole world be caught together with a net invisible but full of potential strength.

How much of ourselves do we mean to put into this day? How can we plan for it beforehand? The very simplicity of the programme is a snare, as it seems to denote so little preparation. But just because of the fact that there will not be the distraction of an address, but quiet reading and prayer, careful planning is the more essential in order to have the meeting effective. The personnel of the programme should include women, not only noted for spiritual gifts but for clear enunciation, for there is no doubt that a

prayer loses significance in a meeting when no one can hear the appeal.

Then the day should have its birth in prayer long before. For that reason it has been stressed in Women's Missionary Society magazines since October of last year. Prayer for missions should surely become a habit of the women of the churches and those who have been asking for a special blessing many weeks in advance of March 4, will find in the meeting one of the most enriching experiences of the year."

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One item on the program for March 4th asks for prayer "that gifted young men and women of our land may give their lives for the service of Christ and His church." This is a prayer not only for March 4th but for every day. The most crying need in every department of our work is for gifted, trained and consecrated leadership. The foreign fields demand the greatest and most cultured intellectual and spiritual gifts. There are many young people in our schools who if they will can meet these demands. Unceasing prayer should be made on their behalf that they may realize what it means to "be alive in such a day," and that they may choose the high way of sacrificial service.

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Young Women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, please notice that you should not write about your work to Mrs. Veals but to Mrs. E. G. Blackadar, Howick St., Rockcliff Park, Ottawa, Ont.