

NINETEENTH DAY

WHAT TO PRAY.—FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT ON CHRISTENDOM

"*Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.*"
—2 TIM. iii. 5.

"*Thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead.*"—
REV. iii. 1.

There are five hundred millions of nominal Christians. The state of the majority is unspeakably awful. Formality, worldliness, ungodliness, rejection of Christ's service, ignorance, and indifference—to what an extent does all this prevail. We pray for the heathen—oh! do let us pray for those bearing Christ's name; many in worse than heathen darkness.

Does not one feel as if one ought to begin to give up his life, and to cry day and night to God for souls? In answer to prayer God gives the power of the Holy Ghost.

HOW TO PRAY.—IN DEEP STILLNESS OF SOUL

"*My soul is silent unto God: from Him cometh my salvation.*"
—PS. lxii. 1.

Prayer has its power in God alone. The nearer a man comes to God Himself, the deeper he enters into God's will; the more he takes hold of God, the more power in prayer.

God must reveal Himself. If it please Him to make Himself known, He can make the heart conscious of His presence. Our posture must be that of holy reverence, of quiet waiting and adoration.

As your month of intercession passes on, and you feel the greatness of your work, be still before God. Thus you will get power to pray.

SPECIAL PETITIONS

For Rulers and all in authority that they may be disposed to encourage the work of missions.

That persecuted native Christians may be sustained and enabled to persevere in the faith.

Afghanistan, Beloochistan, Burmah, Ceylon.