

## IN THY PATIENT CARE;

is definite and intelligent, and includes the missionaries (special ones by name), native pastors and helpers, Biblewomen, evangelists, native churches, hospitals, schools, colleges, and so on ad libitum." To this Mr. Sutherland added the following good advice: "Do not pray for all these things at one meeting. You will do well if you cover the whole ground in a year. Whatever you do, don't pray for the heathen in a lump. Take them in sections, that is, by fields or stations."

## Praying for the Heathen.

"How ought we to pray for the vast multitudes who have never heard of Christ?"

Some months ago this question was sent to "The Sunday School Times" for discussion in the department, "Questions in the Prayer Life," conducted in "The Times" by Mr. Henry W. Frost, of Philadelphia, Home Director of the China Inland Mission. Mr. Frost's consideration of it, somewhat condensed, was as follows:—

"The way to pray for the heathen, in the first place, is not to pray for them; for there are some prayers which must precede such a prayer.

"First, we are to begin with ourselves, since the following questions ought to be settled before God: Are we ourselves right with God? And if we are right, are we ready to answer our prayers for the heathen by doing all we can for them, in giving, and, if need be, in going?

"Second, we are to begin with the church at home; for the heathen will never be saved and blessed unless the church is quickened and God's chosen ones in it sent forth as His witnesses.

"Third, we are to begin with the missionaries already on the field, for these are God's channels of salvation and blessing to the heathen about them, and they need constant reviving in spirit, soul, and body.

"Lastly, we are to begin with the native church in the midst of the heathen; for extensive and intensive evangelism depends upon the native Christians, and the work of reaching the masses will never be accomplished until prayer is offered and answered for these.

"When the soul has been exercised about such subjects as the above, then—and ideally, then only—is one prepared to be an intercessor in behalf of the heathen.

## Training in Intelligent Prayer.

In his advanced study class on China, at Silver Bay, last July, Mr. B. Carter Millikin, Secretary of the Presbyterian Department of Missionary Education, laid great stress on the importance of intelligent praying. "The crisis is on in China," he said at the opening session of the class. "We have been praying for such an awakening for years, but now that it has come we lack the intelligence to pray for it."

In order to train the class in intelligent intercession for China, one of the assignments for work at the first session was to bring in three written prayers suggested by the subject-matter of the first chapter of the text-book to be studied, "The Emergency in China," by Doctor Potts.

The next day, when the class closed with a season of prayer for China, Mr. Milliken asked the members either to read the petitions they had written out beforehand to offer spontaneous prayers based on the discussions of the class-hour. The result was a season of intercession, remarkable for its intelligence, definiteness, and fervor.

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: schools of intercession."—W. E. :  
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