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THIS month we are to pray for our Board of Managers, for Literature and Supply committees. First, for the "elect ladies" who compose this Board, the ladies who without any hope of pecuniary reward are devoting, year after year, the best energies of heart and brain to the furtherance of Christ's kingdom in the earth. The success of the work has been wonderful, phenomenal, showing that their labor is owned and crowned of God. They need our prayers. Why? Because in such a work as this, onerous at all times, difficulties and perplexities must often arise, requiring not only their own united wisdom, but the counsel and help of One mightier than they, which is always given in answer to faithful prayer. Let us pray then for Branches and Board, all those about to meet in consultation, with no selfish end to serve, but an earnest desire to do the very best they can for our Society and the cause of God, that His presence may be with them and give them rest and peace.

We are also to pray for the Literature and Supply committees. When we think of all the foolish and impure literature which is abroad in the world, seeking to corrupt the minds of the young people of our day and wholly unfit them for the performance of life's noblest duties, we cannot be thankful enough for the consecrated mediums through which the helpful words of men and women come with new inspiration to our hearts and lives. Sometimes it is with the history of other lives, heroic and grand in their uttermost self-sacrifice. Let us pray that they may continue to be blessed in their work, for work it is, of no ordinary kind. And the Supply committee—

let us not forget it—surely it will win the best of all commendations, "Inasmuch as yet did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

It is the fashion now-a-days to cast a slur at Missions and missionary workers. Some of the newspapers of the day seem glad to take up the stone and fling it wide, utterly regardless of the harm it will do. By this means they betray their own utter ignorance of the subject, as well as their anti-Christlike spirit. We have neither time nor space this month to dwell on this topic as we wish, but will have to leave it for some future occasion, only saying that it is an open secret that the lives of foreigners, those who avowedly belong to the Christian nations of the earth, but have taken up their residence in unchristian lands, have proved the greatest possible hindrance to the work of the missionaries. In talking with a lady, the other day, who for eighteen years has been a Missionary in South China, we were impressed with this fact. She said the natives are unable to detect the difference and judge Christianity by the majority of the foreign residents. She gave an instance of this. A native came down to the shore, claiming to be taken over in the Missionary's boat on the strength of being a convert to the new religion. The Missionary not recognizing him, turned to one of his workers for an explanation, when the native quickly asserted, "Me same kind of Christian! me swear, me drink brandy!"

We would call special attention this month to the exceedingly interesting sketch of one of our missionaries, Miss Jessie Knox Munro. The way in which she was called to the work is not the least remarkable part of the story.

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N. B.—Now is the time for the renewal of October subscriptions.

WORDS OF CHEER FOR WEARY WORKERS.—"In His face is light, but in His shadow there is healing too. Let us but touch the shadow and be healed."—Adapted from BROWNING.