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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH. 1st week. For the Carey Centennial meetings to be held in a number of places in Ontario and Quebec.

2nd week. For Mr. and Mrs. Craig at Akidu. For Miss Stovel and the Bible women at Akidu.

3rd week. For the native preachers, that they may be taught of the Holy Spirit. For the native Christians, that they may be kept firm, amid persecutions.

4th week. For the heathen throughout all the fields, that God will open their minds and hearts to receive the truth.

THE CIRCULATING LIBRARY. Our readers will remember that some years ago a circulating library was formed by the Craig family of Port Hope and for some time was administered by Mrs. Wm. Craig, jr. This library, or what is left of it, has now been transferred to Miss Stark, to be used in connection with the Bureau of Information of which she has charge. A list of the books contained in the library is published this month. If any of our readers are in a position to add to the collection by presenting valuable missionary books not already in the library, or money for the purchase of additional books, such donations would be highly appreciated and would subserve a good purpose. The Bureau of Information is proving highly successful and there is an increasing demand for missionary literature. Will not our readers sustain this important department of our work in the ways suggested above?

THE CAREY CENTENNIAL. The Carey Centennial programme, published in our last issue, was carried out with complete success. The meetings occupied two entire days and those who had the privilege of being present felt that it was good to be there. Special mention should be made of the help given us by Rev. John L. Campbell, of New York, and Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, of Rochester.

Mr. Campbell's paper on "Foundation Work" was highly practical and insisted on the most thorough literary and theological training for missionaries. His address on the history of Canadian Baptist missions was perhaps the most impressive address of the entire meeting. Having been himself a leading actor in the early efforts in Ontario and Quebec, and having personally conducted negotiations with the Convention of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces that led to their partial co-operation with the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec in efforts to evangelize the Telugus, he was

prepared to speak from experience and out of a full heart.

Mr. Stewart gave an excellent account of the beginning of Foreign mission work by American Baptists and on the evening of the first day, his great lecture on William Carey. Most of the papers and addresses given at the meetings are to be published in pamphlet form for circulation among the churches.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. DRAKE may be had at Richmond St. W., Toronto, at 15c each, \$1.20 per doz.

IN THE present excitable state of affairs in China a very small thing seems to excite the feeling against foreigners and consequently against missionary work. Miss Evans, of Tung-cho, gives a case in point as follows. "During the floods last summer a little incident occurred which threatened to put back the work. The water came into the yard and floated out one of the playthings—a large painted ball belonging to one of the helper's children. It was found in a neighbor's yard, and many came to see the wonderful thing with great eyes which was known to have come out of the yard of those connected with the 'Jesus sect.' One, more daring than the rest, drew it to dry land, and then went at it with knives, but without making any impression on it. Fortunately for the peace of the whole community, the helper's wife appeared and claimed her little girl's plaything before this infernal machine belonging to the foreigners had scattered all the interest that had sprung up in connection with the 'new doctrine.'"

A WESLEYAN missionary in the Deccan of India describes two scenes witnessed in a certain village. They were three years apart. In the first scene a woman's cry was heard followed by a man's cries. He was dragging her out of a hut. With many a heavy curse and heavier blows he drags her to the village blacksmith. An iron chain lies on the ground, and while the husband holds his wife, one end of the chain riveted to her leg and the other made secure to a heavy block of wood. This block she must carry wherever she goes. But three years later a new scene appeared in that same village. A mission church has arisen, and some thirty Christian villagers are listening to the message of the Gospel. The preacher is the man who had the chain forged and fastened to his wife. He is