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THE LORD'S REMEMBRANCERS.

We are all, no doubt, feeling very thankful that such a large number of missionaries are sailing for India very soon, and we shall send them off with much enthusiasm, and follow them with our prayers on their long journey.

Another reason for thanksgiving is the fact that a direct effort along evangelistic lines in our mission in India has been the means of winning many souls for Christ. At the Conference last July the missionaries reported that nearly 1,200 baptisms had taken place between July 1, 1918, and June 30, 1919, the largest number in the history of the mission.

Some of you may be surprised, then, at the suggestion that we shall take as a special subject for prayer this month the great need of men on our mission fields in India. Of the eighteen missionaries going out this Fall, eight are single women, four of these new recruits. Of the five married couples, one couple only is going out for the first time.

The Boards have been able to send out women every year, but owing to the war, no new men could be sent out after 1915 until last Fall. Missionaries were coming home every year, but not all of them returned to India, so that the staff there is very much depleted. Seven stations are now without a missionary family, and as four families must come home next Spring, the situation will be much as it is now, in spite of the reinforcements.

Our lady missionaries have done noble work, some of them having lived alone at a station, doing their own special work and trying to look after the general work, as well. Some of the men have the oversight of one of the vacant fields, in addition to their own, so almost all are overworked, a very serious matter in that climate.

It seems very plain from this that more men are urgently needed, so mingled with our thanksgiving let us "pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Let us pray that our young men may be as ready to offer themselves for service abroad under the banner of the King of Kings, as they were to enlist in the service of our earthly King.

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

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