

PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

MAY.

For Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Bands; Executive, Supply and Literature committees; Conference and District Organizers; and representatives to Annual Conferences.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS.—*Gen. xviii. 23-32; Phil. iv. 1.9.*

In the above we are all included, from the babe in arms, to the aged pilgrim leaning upon her staff; from the member burdened with office and committee work, to the many free from these responsibilities, with no other care but to be true to the obligations of membership (See By-law IX., page 172) which means so much, if carefully considered and observed.

The nine departments embraced in the subject for this month's prayer, covers all our work, and we might think it unnecessary to spend so much time on ourselves, and conclude the month lost, but from the fact that we are absolutely dependant upon the Divine One, who has Himself said, "Without Me, ye can do nothing." Hence the imperative necessity to be constant in prayer for His direction and help.

I often think, that in the present, when there is so much said about "best methods and plans of work," and rightly too, that we are apt to forget that our work is God's work. In our anxiety to be good efficient workers and secure success, we unconsciously turn our eyes from God and take the work, with its care and responsibility wholly upon our own hearts, and endeavor to do our part and His too. Oh how heavy and hard the work!

"Without Me ye can do nothing." How important then that we take our work and workers to Him in earnest, believing, importunate prayer.

It would be well, we think, to take the trouble to copy this month's subjects, in a bold hand. Take them once a day and spread them out before the Lord and dwell, as we may and can, upon each subject. This certainly would be an exercise most profitable, drawing out sympathies, and enabling us to take a more intelligent interest in our work generally. If this would be a profitable exercise to us who engage in it, what might, and would, be the result upon our work at home and abroad? "O wondrous power of faithful prayer."

It has been said that the whole movement of modern Missions has been in answer to prayer; that at first, God's people prayed that the world might be opened for the missionary and the gospel. So quickly has God answered that prayer, that His people are amazed at the answer. Then, prayer began for men and women to go as Christ's messengers. That prayer, too, has been answered, as witness the thousands of young people who have offered themselves for mission work, and who will go as soon as the Churches will send them. With such stupendous proof that God answers prayer, with what enthusiasm should we enter upon the month's duty and privilege!