

Call to Prayer.

"These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

—Matt. xxiii, 23.

An announcement in the Church papers from Dr. Reid and Rev. R. P. McKay, Foreign Secretary, tells the very deplorable fact that the funds of the Foreign Mission schemes of the church are far short of what is required, consequently candidates now offering cannot be sent out.

Feeling deeply that, under such circumstances, some concerted and special step should be taken, the Board has agreed to spend a certain time at each meeting in special, united prayer, beseeching our Heavenly Father to send such a spirit of devotion and liberality upon all the members of our Church, that what is necessary to the efficient carrying on of the various schemes of our beloved Church may be forthcoming, and that the serious responsibility may not rest on her of rejecting those into whose heart the Lord has put the desire to carry abroad the glad tidings of salvation.

Will the members in all branches of our Society unite earnestly with us in this vital matter; not only by setting apart a time for special prayer at your meetings, but talk the matter over with your pastor and co-operate with him in any arrangement he may make, so that all the congregation, or, at least, those who find it in their hearts to *give willingly* to the Lord, may engage in special prayer for these objects, viz. :—

1. That the earnest appeals of the Convenors of the schemes of our Church, (remembering that a Mission to the Jews is now one of these schemes,) be prayerfully considered, and so a *permanent advance* be reached in their revenues.

2. That God's richest blessing may rest on the services now being given throughout the several Presbyteries by our returned Missionaries.