

in either the representative of a class, and in the one as much as the other a call for more earnest effort, and for more earnest pleading with God. Let us pray that the nations bearing the name of Christ may be turned from *their* idols, for when the love of Christ is in any way commensurate with the love of money, this prolific outgrowth of evil will decay at the root.

For every missionary sent to Africa there are thousands of gallons of rum. A missionary saw landed at one port, on a single day, 50,000 casks. So long as our vessels are laden with missionaries and rum we shall be uncertain whether we are doing most to evangelize or curse the world.

England, at the point of the bayonet, gave opium to China, and every year takes millions of dollars in return for her gift. Hudson Taylor says, "After laboring thirty years in China, I am profoundly convinced that opium is doing more evil in China in a week than the missionaries are doing good in a year. After eighty years contact with England there are 32,000 Christians and 150,000,000 opium smokers. *The opium curse is the sum of all villainy.*"

With all the petitions of this Society for the heathen at home and in foreign lands, prayers should be offered for the conversion of nominal Christians, who are responsible for these blights and impediments to all efforts in the way of moral and temperance reform.

In London, England, a woman appealed to the Mayor for protection from a drunken husband; "I can do nothing for you," he said, "there are thousands and thousands in the same position as yourself."

When we pray for "Japan and her rulers," shall we not pray for the rulers of England and the women whom her laws do not protect? As we pray for the "widows and children of India," shall we not remember the widows and children of our own land, whom a legalized liquor traffic has robbed of protector and home. When we pray for the victims of the opium habit in China, let us not forget the victims of the liquor traffic in England and America.

2,000,000 boys are required from each generation, or the public revenue will dwindle! One family out of every five must contribute a boy, or some must give more than their share. Our sons and our brothers are the currency, have you a boy to spare?

A faith that looks beyond all human circumstances, that laughs at impossibilities and cries it must be done, is the only faith that will give us the victory. Let the united, importunate prayers of Christian women continually ascend, until our hearts' desire is granted.

With God on our side, "They that be with us are more than they that be with them."