

THE DAY OF INTERCESSION.

It has fulfilled the desire of many earnest souls that the day of General Intercession on behalf of Foreign Missions is to be observed this year; and it is to be hoped that it will be repeated every year, until the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and Morian's land shall stretch out her hands unto God. In the prospect of this approaching solemnity, we offer it to our fellow-worshippers in the Cathedral as a matter of consideration.

The day is dedicated to prayer; Intercessory prayer. Prayer that God will open an effectual door of entrance into heathen lands, and inspire Christian men and women to enter into them with the message of peace and salvation, and so fulfil the command of our Divine Lord: "To pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest."

There is no doubt but that hitherto this great organ of missionary life has been too much neglected, and has been superseded by the active bustle of the platform, or the easy performance of the purse; and we subscribe to Christian missions and read of the work of Christian missionaries as though they were to be created by our own hand and prospered by our own wisdom, and the consequence is that we so often falter and fail; and we are taught prophetic truth, "Not by might or by power, but my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts" That it is not the patronage of princes, or the contributions of the people alone, which ensure success; but, by that which seemeth to be the very feeblest instruments of all,—Prayer, Intercessory prayer! And this lesson we have learned by experience, no less than from the inspiration of the Almighty; and we are now again called to ratify and fulfil it And so on the first

Wednesday in the coming month, all the congregations in Christendom in communion with the Church of England and America, will meet with one consent before the Throne of Grace, to praise God for the glad tidings of the Gospel, and to pray that the same light and knowledge and salvation may be extended to every nation and people under heaven.

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THE MONTH IN PROSPECT,
DECEMBER.

Drear though the external aspects of Nature are, the Christian heart is made glad by the dawn of Advent's first day, ere December, which is stern and chill, makes its approach. The season when the Sun of Righteousness is contemplated as rising with healing in his beams, comes as we think it should, in advance of the time when the natural Sun commences anew his annual journey through the heavens. Grace supplants or goes before Nature in those to whose hearts the vivifying warmth of Divine Love has been communicated, in answer to the Church's prayers, and through her well appointed usages and discipline. Blest they who through Faith are led to follow our Lord in the appointments of his loved and devoted Spouse, which is the Visible Catholic and Apostolic Church. She alone has the threefold cord of the Ministry, the Word and the Sacraments, and round her Altars do her children gather, when Holy Festivals, as the seasons run their round, invite to contemplation of His spotless life on earth, and of the devotedness of the many Saints, whom He has, in succeeding ages, brought into His service to do honour to His Great Name.

We, as Baptized members of the