

what we are here for. Don't let us *just say words* to God, or even nice sounding phrases. Sometimes we have wondered if this is not one thing meant by the taking of His wonderful Name in vain, or uselessly. Let us pray, really pray. If the other parts of our programme are presented rightly, this part will follow.

It may sound rather hard and cold to suggest literature for the help of the prayer period, but there it is. "Speaking to the King," "Answered Prayer," "Intercessory Foreign Missionaries," "Prayer Points," are all good and the first mentioned is particularly suggestive. (These can be had from the Lit. Dept.)

Think of a meeting where the interest has been good, the information gained, we have been truly inspired, don't you really just long to tell the Master all about it? To that end, let us have this time of prayer at the close of our programme.

Another thought,—When the leader has summed up the points for prayer, let us sit in solemn silence before the Lord, sometimes, just asking Him to teach us to pray, not *how* to pray, but to *really* pray.

Now I expect this is nothing new. You have probably all heard or read it before this. An intensely interested worker was talking about this subject to another worker, and urging the need of programme construction, and she made this remark, "Yes, you may be right, but our Circles simply won't do it." Why not? Don't you think it worth while business?

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

For a number of years past the consciousness has been growing in the hearts of Christians that their petitions, their thanksgiving, their worship to and of their God was in the unity of the Spirit,—that in their prayer life was being answered the word of their master,—that they may all be one, even as we, Father, are one. This connection became so strong with the Christian women across the border from us that they appointed, some years ago, a day when that unity of thought, of aspiration, of consecration and of communion might be fully realized and seen in all women coming together for prayer. That meeting to-

gether met a great yearning,—it has brought much blessing.

Six years ago, the women of Canada came together for the first time for the same purpose; since then, once a year, from sea to sea, and from north to south in cities, in towns, in villages, in rural districts, the Christian women of Canada of all races, creeds and nations have gathered in one common meeting place agreed upon by a representative Local Committee, and on the same day as in the country to the south (on a day appointed for all). From those meetings has gone up to the Throne of grace a volume of united confessions, thanksgiving and petition, the golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. "The hearts of the Lord's people have been comforted; their spirits quickened; their zeal renewed. Therefore again this year on February 19th the call goes forth to one and all, who are called by His Name to be with one accord in one place and there to see the glory of the Lord as it abode upon Mount Sinai"; to realize the promise of Christ "Lo I am with you always"; and to tarry until the Spirit of truth shall come "to teach us all things and to bring all things to our remembrance." Word from the Interim Committee.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

Feb. 19, 1926

1. Opening Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." Statement of character and purpose of the meeting. (Not more than three minutes) by the Chairman.
- Scripture Reading. Ps. XCV. 1-7; and St. John XIV. 12-17.
- Prayer of Confession, offered by Leader or others.
- General Thanksgiving (in unison):
 "Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestim-