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land Mission in the form of scroll (of which we give a fac-simile.) "We pray you help us." *

3rd. This time it is cry from the "Dark Continent." "Tell your people how fast we are dying; and ask if they cannot send the gospel a little faster."

4th. This cry comes from a point nearer home. Our own Dominion. It is the pathetic appeal of a "North West" Indian as he addresses a Bishop who had been unable from lack of helpers, to maintain services among the tribe. Pointing to a smouldering fire, he said, "That is how you left us. You kindled the fire of the Gospel among us, and have left it to smoulder and expire. Why have you done this?"

Thus we have Europe, Asia, Africa and America alike crying out for the living God. Shall our ears be stopped, or our mouths closed, and our purses clasped. May God arouse his church to a full sense of their responsibility, and may she free herself from the blood of these famishing souls, famishing for that which is so plentifully supplied and should be as freely distributed. Brethren, Think—Pray—Work—Give—and thus "come to the help of the Lord."



"WE PRAY YOU HELP US."

TH**E**R**E** are four *pourings out* in God's word :
1. The pouring out the love of God in our hearts. (Rom. v. 5, R. v.)
2. The pouring out of the blood for atonement. (See Lev. iv. 7, 18, 25, &c.)
3. The pouring out of the Spirit. (Acts ii. 17.)
4. The pouring out of the wrath of God. (Rev. xiv. 10.)

OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

NUGGETS OF GOLD FROM THE S. S. LESSONS.
By REV. JOHN McEWEN, Secretary S.S. Association of Canada.

[May 3] **Obedience.** [Eph. vi. 1-13.]

Three letters are addressed to churches during Paul's imprisonment—Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, and a personal letter to Philemon. The loftiest strain of thought of the three is the one from which the lesson is taken. Read it through before you prepare the lesson. The doctrinal part is practical, and the practical part is doctrinal. The light of each shines on the other, and neither can be fully understood without the other. The first three chapters set forth the principles of the grace of God, and the last three the duties of the INDIVIDUAL, the HOME and SOCIETY. This instruction was given when the will of the individual was lost in the will of the Ruler—when little or no regard was entertained for the home, or the child—when the half of the population were slaves. These three facts set the lesson in an impressive light. All the parties are viewed from the church standpoint. All are addressed as within the visible enclosure.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN—MASTERS AND SERVANTS. Each pair under mutual obligations.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN—CHILDREN AND PARENTS. "Nurture," discipline that nourishes the heart and the head. "Obedience," in the Lord. vs. 1-4.

MASTERS AND SERVANTS—SERVANTS AND MASTERS. vs. 9. vs. 5-7, both as in the presence and under the eye of God, to whom all difficulties may be appealed.

EXHORTATION TO ALL. vs. 10-17.

"BE STRONG,"—bold, ardent, in communion with God's strength. BE EQUIPPED,—with armour, offensive and defensive. BE UNFLINCHING in the battle with evil, in the HEART, the HOME, and SOCIETY.

[May 10.] **Christ our Example.** [Phil. ii. 5-16.]

Philippi was the first city in Europe where Paul preached the Gospel. Acts xvi. 12. This epistle is his farewell to the Gentile churches, and an acknowledgment of their contribution to his comfort as a prisoner for their cause. It gives us the source of his marvellous heroism and his power as a leader of men. "This mind which was also in the Messiah, Jesus."

"OUR EXAMPLE." 1 Peter ii. 21-23.

Three facts to be carefully presented:—1. HE HUMBLED HIMSELF (vs. 6, 7) as an example to us, who humble others. This is His way down to us,—He laid aside His glory—was born in a low condition—carried our sicknesses, and sins, and sorrows. 2. BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, to save others. v. 8. This was the lowest position of humiliation, and the point where His glory comes in. 3. HE WAS EXALTED AS A MOTIVE TO OTHERS. v. 9. The pathway of His upward example,—Obedience to His Father's will, as given in His Word, the Old Testament, and presented by the Holy Spirit through the Word,—Resurrection, Ascension, Enthronement.

We are to seek and cherish this spirit, and copy this example.—In being peaceful and grateful. v. 14. In being holy in heart and conduct. v. 15. In being reverent and obedient. vs. 10-12. In having influence with others because of these aims and this character. In holding out the Saviour to others.

* See article on China's needs, &c., on another page.