

6. For persecuted Jews everywhere ; that secret believers among them may have courage given them to confess Christ; and that the Lord's ancient people may soon be led to acknowledge Christ as the true Messiah. That oppression and persecution in Turkey may quickly be brought to an end, and that Mohammedanism and other false religions may be overthrown.

7. That ministers, office bearers, and members of the Church at home may be taught by the Spirit to realize their obligation to evangelize the world, and that the young in our congregations may be interested in and trained for the work. That all students in our universities, theological colleges, and medical schools may be led to feel their personal responsibility towards foreign missions. That a blessing may rest upon home and Sabbath school instruction, so that many may consecrate themselves to the Master's service.

8. That a rich blessing may rest upon the labours of our missionaries on furlough, on our missionary periodicals, and all other efforts to deepen missionary interest, and that the Church may awaken to yet more earnest, believing prayer, and to a large increase in offerings, so that there may be no curtailment of the work. That the deficit in the General Fund may be removed, and that there may be great extension of Christ's cause and Kingdom. That much wisdom may be given in the administration of Foreign Missions.

Note.—The meeting in Toronto, arranged by the Board, will be held in Central Presbyterian Church, corner of St. Vincent and Grosvenor Streets, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 13th, 1898.

PRACTICAL HINTS ON HOW TO PRAY.

The following plain words on the subject of prayer, which we find in "The Helping Hand" for November, may be of service to beginners in this exercise :

While all agree that prayer should have the first place in our meetings, is it not too often simply the orthodox way of "opening" the meeting, a part of the regular exercises, "reading, singing, prayer," and is it not too often a cold and perfunctory part? Why should we pray? Because we long to help these far-away sisters ; we can often do this only through our prayers. Because we want so much to see a more earnest, devoted spirit in our girls. Perhaps your voice raised in prayer in their behalf will lead them to think of their own need. Because we desire a nearness to God—"Draw nigh to Him" if you would have Him draw near to you. Because we are reaching out after the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit in our own souls, and we are told, "Ask and ye shall receive."

How shall we pray?

Pray briefly: The Lord's Prayer is a beautiful model in this respect. Vain repetitions are heathenish.