

PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

JULY.

For the utter destruction of the liquor traffic and the opium trade; that these blights and impediments to the progress of Christianity may no longer disgrace professedly Christian governments and countries.

SCRIPTURE READING.—Psalms xciv. 1-10; Rom. xiv. 7-23.

In this vacation season, when so few meetings are held, our LEAFLET may not be able to reach and suggest to all our members a common subject for prayer, but, perhaps, suggestion or reminder is unnecessary. If the destroyer never invaded our own homes, if the cry of his victims were as unfamiliar to our ears as the cry of China's millions, the wail that is wafted across ocean and continent, the faint echo of which only reaches us, might fail to stir our sluggish sympathies. We might, for a brief space, forget the claims of the heathen world; we might even forget our nation's or our neighbor's peril if it were hidden from our view; but we must shut our eyes and our ears to the printed page, and to the sights and sounds of daily life, if we would forget for a single day the terrors of this drink traffic. We would choose to look only at the more hopeful aspect of the question, but figures rise before us and bid us see things as they are.

Great Britain and Ireland spend annually on drink, \$697,000,000, the United States \$900,000,000, and Canada \$30,000,000, making a total for these eminently Christian countries of \$1,627,000,000, while the total contributions to foreign missions is less than \$12,000,000.

"Are there any Christians in the world?" asks a writer in a recent issue of one of our daily papers, "if so, where do they live?"

Whether we recognize in this the voice of the pessimist or the involuntary wail of a discouraged soul weary of the strife, we see