

Pray without ceasing.

Pray for the heathen, who are yet without the Word. Think of China, with her three hundred millions—a million a month dying without Christ. Think of Dark Africa, with its two hundred millions. Think of thirty millions a year going down into the thick darkness. If Christ gave His life for them, will you not do so? You can give yourself up to intercede for them. . . . God's Spirit will draw you on. Persevere, however feeble you are. Ask God to give you some country or tribe to pray for. Can anything be nobler than to do as Christ did? Give your life for the heathen.—*Rev. Andrew Murray.*

What the world needs to-day is, not only more missionaries, but the outpouring of God's Spirit on every one whom He has sent out to work for Him in the foreign field. Think of the difficulties of your missionaries and pray for them.

The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

Be what thou seemest! live thy creed!

Hold up to earth the torch divine;

Be what thou prayest to be made;

Let the great Master's steps be thine.

—*Bonar.*

Think of the souls going out into darkness, *dying* in the dark, and He was not willing that *any* should perish!

"Perishing! Perishing! He was not willing;

Master forgive and inspire us anew.

Banish our worldliness; help us to ever

Live with eternity's value in view."

He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great day comes for bestowing the rewards of service.—*A. J. Gordon, D.D.*

What if your own were starving,

Fainting with famine pain,

And yet you knew where golden grew

Rich fields of ripening grain;

Could you pass them by,

As they groan and die,

And turn to your feast?

"They are not our own," you answer;

"They are neither kith nor kin."

They are *God's* own; His love alone

Can save them from their sin.

They are *Christ's* own;

He left His throne,

And died their souls to win.

—*W. B. M. Calendar.*

Every great crisis in the missionary field has been turned in answer to prayer, and yet the church has not begun to know what the power of prayer is in waiting on Almighty God for a blessing.—*A. T. Pierson, D.D.*



## Palm-Tree Christians.

Feb. 26.—Palm-tree Christians. Ps. 92: 1-15.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Known by fruit, Luke 6: 43-45. Tuesday: Chosen to bear fruit, John 15: 14-21. Wednesday: Fruits of righteousness, Phil. 1: 1-11. Thursday: Fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5: 22-26. Friday: Fruit in its season, Ps. 1: 1-3. Saturday: Not ceasing to bear fruit, Jer. 17: 7, 8.

### Hints for the Leader.

Be much in prayer for God's blessing upon your meeting. To pray earnestly, definitely, and constantly for the Holy Spirit's presence there, will be the best preparation you can make.

"It is good to give thanks unto the Lord." Try it and see how good. Thank Him for the every

day blessings which you are used to, and for the special mercies of the week. Much prayer and much praise lies back of a "palm-tree Christian" life, and you can speak best of that of which you know something by experience.

In the strongest and sweetest Christian lives that you have come in contact with, or read of, notice some of the various ways in which their strength and sweetness is shown. Is it not rather in little, than great matters? Speak of these different ways in your meeting. Or, ask others to tell of what they have noticed of these things.

Let your choice of hymns be a prayerful one. It is generally a wise plan to pause before singing such hymns as "Where He leads me, I will follow," and draw attention to the fact that this a solemn statement to make, none the less solemn because it is sung not spoken.

Speak of the one Perfect Life, which flourished as no other has, the life of the man, Christ Jesus. What does He say He considered His life was for? "I come to do thy will, O God."

### Suggested Hymns.

"In the secret of His presence," "I will sing of my Redeemer," "From every stormy wind," "O Christ, in Thee," "I am Thine, O Lord," "Take my life, and."

### Deep Root and Much Fruit.

Lord God of all men,

My Lord and my God!

Thou who lovest me,

Keep me close to Thee

By staff and rod.

—*Christina A. Rosetti.*

"Be ye holy, for I am holy." 1 Pet. 1: 16.

Let this be the spirit of our daily prayer. I would walk before God with a perfect heart: perfect in Christ Jesus; in the path of perfect holiness. I would this day come as near perfection as grace can make it possible for me.—*Murray.*

He who made every power can use every power—memory, judgment, imagination, quickness of apprehension or insight: specialties of musical, poetical, oratorical, or artistic faculty; special tastes for reasoning, philosophy, history, natural science or natural history—all these may be dedicated to Him, sanctified by Him, and used by Him.

Made for Thyself, O God!

Made for Thy love, Thy service, Thy delight,

Made to show forth Thy wisdom, grace and might,

Made for Thy praise, whom veiled archangels laud;

Oh, strange and glorious thought, that we may be

A joy to Thee!

Whatever He has given, He will use if we will let Him.—*Frances Ridley Havergal.*

I am glad a task to me is given,

To labor at day by day;

For it brings me health and strength and hope,

And I cheerfully learn to say,

"Head, you may think; Heart you may feel;

But, Hand, you shall work away."

—*Louisa M. Alcott.*

I think it wisest in a man to do his work in the world as quietly and as well as he can, without much heeding the praise or dispraise.—*Tennyson.*



NOTE.—For particulars and statistics regarding the growth of the C. E. movement consult the "Canadian C. E. Handbook," to be had from the Endeavor Herald Co., price 10c.