

PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

OCTOBER.

For our agents employed in the field, for those accepted as missionaries, and for all others offering themselves

SCRIPTURE READINGS.—*Isa. vi. 1-8; Matt. ix. 36-38.*

A FIELD.—No language can, perhaps, be more appropriately adopted as expressing the request of our sisters now in the field than the words of St. Paul in his Epistle to the Colossians (iv. 2-4), "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ; . . . that we may make it manifest, as we ought to speak." And again, in his Second Epistle to the Thessalonians (iii. 1, 2), "Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, for all have not faith."

In a general way all lands are open to the Gospel, but the difficulties in the way of reaching the class with whom our sisters have chiefly to do (the women of heathendom), and to whom they wish especially to make known "the mystery of Christ," in a large degree still remain; and in no respect does this show itself more plainly than in the conduct of "unreasonable and wicked men," who, in consequence of the prejudices of superstition, the intolerance of priestcraft or the tyranny of unbridled passion, crush thousands beneath the slavish heel of Islam, deny to others in China even a name, refuse to acknowledge that those of India possess a soul, sacrifice others by hundreds to please blood-thirsty African kings, and, worse than all, sell Chinese girls for immoral purposes, within the bounds of our own Dominion. In view of these obstructions to freedom of utterance with which our sisters have to contend, obstructions which for the most part, and in various forms, have the strength which age, ignorance and habit give to any practice, there is surely need for us, to pray that in their hands "the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

RESERVES.—While it is true of those by whom the words of Isaiah (vi. 8) may be adopted, "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? then said I, Here am I, send me;" and who have been received but wait for their marching orders, that "they also serve who only stand and wait." What of the responsibility of the womanhood of the