INTERCESSION, THE HIGHEST SERVICE.

HE sovereign summons to men is to prayer. It is a call to use the great unused human resource of power. It is a call to every man to walk with the tread of a giant "an open but unfrequented path to immortality." Other lesser calls must die out in us if the present spiritual world crisis is to be met. Practical men of business say that this is the work of the minister or missionary, but Christ's call to prayer is not limited to any group of individuals or to a special section of the Church. The men of our time are discovering that they have a wealth of talent of which they did not dream—to bring things to pass by prayer. Intercession has ever been what Arthur Smith calls "The deeply buried talent."

Let us in the beginning frankly face the fact that there is no call which involves more of unwithholding consecration than the life of intercession. There is no service which demands so much of a man, which digs down so deep into his life, which floods with such a searching light all the methods and principles by which men govern their lives.

On the other hand let it not be forgotten that there is no human means of releasing such measureless forces among mankind. This involves not simply a prayer for ourselves in few hurried sentences at night, when too tired to remember what has been prayed for when the words have been said, not a few fragments of time given to this most important occupation, but prayer, central in life, having a clear space in which to live and breathe and yet not confined to times and seasons but mingling with the whole of life.

—The Call of the World.
JOURNEYING ON

Ella L. Jones

My stay in the East had been such a happy time, that it was not without sadness that the parting was made, and the Western journey begun. Though the friends of the East have not become less dear, it has been one long day of happiness as I journey West.

Massena was not hard to reach, but after a pleasant day with the good pastor and people, it was found hard to leave. The start was made before 5 A.M., when everything was frozen, but oh, the new life cold weather gives.

In Toronto the church people proved beyond denial how truly cordial and delightful Canadian people are. The mission program rendered by the children was a model, because it taught the greatest lesson in mission work, the necessity of prayer. The spirit of the city is very religious, and it is beautifully clean and artistic.

A mid-week meeting with our Buffalo people proved them wholehearted, and interested in the work. Sister Crimi gave me one of the banner days, when she piloted me to those glorious falls that surpass description.

The big storm of November struck Detroit while we were in the morning session, but it did not chill the warm spirit within. The Sunday-school was an inspiration. The work was truly missionary.

The Nashville church is small, with no pastor, but they have the Spirit among them. At their invitation a good house full of the townspeople listened to a story of India.

Buchanan church was warm in her reception and keen in her interest in the things from India.

Then came the banner day, when with heart and mind full of the old days at Mendota, Aurora was reached, and the college "ma" and a former student appeared on the platform—home was reached. I found that the folks had moved from the hut to the palace, but the same old spirit was all over all. The family has grown tremendously and is such a handsome, promising lot of children.

Looking at the splendid buildings and all the details, one could but feel what the pull has been and cannot wonder that the instructors have added lines of care to their noble faces. They are the same grand men and women, however, and blessed indeed are we to have them.

On Sunday the dedicatory service for the rooms of the Helpers' Union and the W. H. & F. M. Society was held. President Jenks conducted the meeting, Pastor Hewitt giving the dedicatory sermon. Mrs. Smith spoke of the work of the Helpers Union, stating that their motto was, "Tell us your needs and we will supply them." Pres. Jenks remarked that he was glad to hear the motto and stated his needs in round thousands, and was promptly told that he should have them. A telegram message was read from Mrs. Chadsey, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127: 1). The audience were then informed that the W. H. & F. M. S. has one eye on Aurora for a man, and heard something of the work of the society. A Burmese going supported by two carved wooden images, representing a Burmese prince and princess, and a table with elephants' heads for legs, carved by the boys of the Vilacheri school, was given the college as an ever-present reminder of the India field. Prof. Jenks paid the women a beautiful tribute, after which the meeting closed and many went to see the rooms thus dedicated. Both are beautiful end rooms, one being used by Prof. Twining and the other by Mrs. Twining as class rooms.

The week has been one of pleasure indeed. The students welcomed the wanderer back home with hearty cheers that will warm the heart many days when the toil is hard and the path lonely.

FAREWELLS

C. H. Hudson

INDIA is called by some "A Land of Regrets." In many ways I think it a true name. At any rate we may safely call it a land of farewells. Being rather isolated out here we have not made a very wide circle of friends, and those who had become very dear to us have been compelled to separate from. That the missionary's place is on the firing line we are constantly reminded of by the death or departure of our comrades in arms.

On the boat coming over we became very much attached to a young couple about our own age, coming out to work very near us. They had just got beautifully fitted into their work when the wife was attacked by a sickness, very prevalent in this country, and as a last resource she was sent home, leaving her husband to toil alone. He has since had to join her as her malady grew worse.

After being in the country a short time we made the acquaintance of a Baptist missionary. Having much in common we became fast friends. After having had a pleasant time together on one occasion talking over the work we parted hoping that we might soon meet again. Not many days elapsed when word came that our friend died while being conveyed to a hospital. A good scholar, an earnest Christian, filled with zeal for his work, for which he was well-fitted, having obtained a thorough working knowledge of the language, was thus cut off before his work was hardly begun.

In one month last spring, we were called upon to say good-bye to three of our own small force of workers, Miss Jones through leaving for a much-needed rest, Miss Allan to take up a training that we trust will better fit her for the Lord's service in India, and Mrs. Allan leaving on account of poor health.

We are now looking to the time when God will send these faithful workers back to us, then replying will be the order instead of the sad farewells.
A NEW DEPARTURE

Anna N. Hudson.

A DESIRE to in some way come in touch with the many young girls and women in Velacheri and near-by villages, and the increasing demand from home for handkerchiefs, lace, and embroidery made by Indian women, gave me the idea of starting a sewing school.

By conducting it within the compound I could attend to it myself without neglecting either my other duties or my babe. So with much hope, some doubts and many fears I sent a Bible woman out into the villages to tell them about it, promising them one anna (two cents) per day while learning and thereafter as much as they could earn by piece work, setting the price for work so as to enable them to earn from two to five rupees per month, or even more if they were clever.

She came back with many promises, but Monday morning on going again to call them to come and sew she could get but one woman. "Never mind," I said, "start in with her, for everything has to have a small beginning." I gave her some old doth and the Bible woman started teaching her plain sewing, which she knew a bit about and soon was able to practice hem-stitching. The next day there were two women. Each morning the Bible woman would go the rounds of the village asking them to come.

I determined to pay them their cooly each Saturday as I knew that would be my best advertisement. By Saturday I had seven girls and women to pay. The following Monday fourteen girls were there ready to sew.

It has been going a little over a month and I now have twenty-eight girls sewing, and hope that as each Saturday goes by and they take their cooly home to show the others that my numbers will steadily increase.

As yet they are merely learning. Some have attempted handkerchiefs but they are neither perfect nor clean. Nevertheless, their ability to do so much in so short a time proves what they can do with practice and perseverance.

My greatest difficulty is to get them to clean up a bit so that their work won't get so awfully dirty. They have improved a great deal in appearance, but there is still room for more.

The thing that brings the greatest joy is to know that twenty-eight girls are hearing the Gospel every day, and pretty much all day, for they come at seven or eight and stay till five or six. The teacher keeps their tongues busy repeating Scripture verses and singing songs, while their hands are kept busy with needle and thread.

I wish all that read this might feel the joy and enthusiasm over this that I do and could understand the difficulty of getting the attention and ear of these young girls. It is slow, tedious work at best to send a Bible woman into the village and to the houses, for the women so seldom will sit down and attentively listen. She may go days and days and perhaps have only one or two pay good attention; where by this means they must needs be quiet to work and therefore must hear the "old, old story."

Then of course you know that every new thing started creates new needs and this is not without exception, so I hope to see in the next box many packets of needles (fine), quantities of common soap to keep their hands clean, any number of Nos. 80 and 90 spools of white cotton thread, and skeins of fine and medium linen lace thread for their pillow lace.

Pray for this work, that it may have God's blessing. I feel it is a wonderful opportunity placed in my hands and I do so want to make the very best of it. Then when you purchase their handkerchiefs and lace which I shall later send home who knows but that among the tiny stitches some girl's heart thoughts of salvation will be woven. Let us hope and pray for these.
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THE Thanksgiving and Petitioning List has been omitted this month in order to make the Day of Prayer, as appointed by the Federation of Woman's Board of Missions. It is hoped that our local churches will observe this day, Friday, January 9, by holding a prayer session for an hour, sometime during the day or evening, if it is not possible to have a full day of prayer. In locations where the locals are holding their meetings on some other day of the week it may be more convenient for them to observe that day as their day of prayer; although we trust that as many as can do so will observe the day appointed, and add their prayers to the great volume of prayer which will go up all over America, from consecrated women on behalf of mission work. When praying for China and India, let us not forget to pray for the needs of our denominational work in those lands, especially for a man to take charge of the evangelistic work in India.

THE dedication service of the rooms at Aurora College as memorials to the helpers' Union and Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies, was held in the college chapel, Sunday November 16. Mrs. Mary E. Smith, Vice-president of the H. U., represented that society, while our missionary, Miss Ella L. Jones, represented the W. H. & F. M. S. The rooms are both class rooms, in Eckhart Hall. We feel to rejoice that the women of our denomination have been thus honored by having memorial rooms in our denominational college. In this issue will be found Bro. Jenks' address at the time of the dedication.

A BOOK on our denominational mission work entitled A Retrospect and Survey of Missions is being compiled by the A. A. M. and W. H. & F. M. Societies, and will be on sale early in the New Year. This book will fill a long felt need for a reference book on the work, as well as a text book for mission study classes. The book which will be well illustrated, will sell for twenty-five cents a copy. Anyone desiring copies can send in their order to this office at any time, and they will be promptly filled as soon as the book is ready.

THOSE who are interested in the financial condition of the work, and we believe most of our readers are, will be pleased to learn that sufficient came into the treasury during November to meet all demands. Truly God heard and answered prayer in behalf of our financial condition.

MUCH is said in this issue regarding prayer, but we believe it is a subject that merits our close attention. We are often reminded of the words of John R. Mott, 'Prayer and missions are as inseparable as faith and works; in fact, prayer and missions are faith and works.'

SELF-DENIAL WEEK

As a result of Self-Denial Week, $117.72 has been received to apply on the mortgage resting on the Boston Bible School Home. This amount together with $19 which was already on hand makes $136.72, which we shall pay to the holder of the mortgage the first of January. There are probably others who will send in their contribution during December, and hope these will be sufficient to enable us to make a payment of at least $150. This would reduce the mortgage to $2,550. We had hoped that a much larger sum would have been raised; but we are thankful for what has been given.

THOSE STATE SCHOOLS

KEEN interest was manifest during November by the three States which are working to raise the funds for their schools, and each made commendable progress. Quebec and Northern Vermont leads this month with eighty-four shares taken. Maine is a close second with eighty-one, and New Hampshire is not far behind, with seventy-six. Each State has now passed the half-way mark. Who will reach the goal first, is now the question.

DAY OF PRAYER

THE General Advisory Commission representing the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States has appointed Friday, January 9th, a day of united prayer for women's foreign missionary work, and suggests the following program to be used in union meetings in every town and city of our land.

An invitation should be given through the Interdenominational Committee of the town to all woman's missionary societies to meet in some central place for prayer. If there is no such interdenominational committee of women the Commission urges that one be formed immediately, representing women of all the evangelical churches.
A leader should be chosen for the day, with four other leaders, one for each hour of the day. If missionaries are available they may be given a brief time, ten of fifteen minutes, to present the needs of their fields, for which special prayer should be made. Charts and maps are illuminating. The topics for each hour should be plainly written upon the blackboard on large sheets of manila paper, unless printed topics are furnished. The hymns should be selected and announced by the leader for the day, who will also introduce the leaders for the hours.

As this is a Day of Prayer it is not desirable to have long addresses. Each leader will suggest and explain her topics and others may speak briefly of special needs in which they are interested. Let us remember that without intercessory prayer our work is in vain. Let every preparation be made most earnestly and prayerfully. Send notices widely and promptly. Secure women of faith and power for leaders.

Provide all possible information concerning the needs of foreign lands.

**Topics for Prayer**

*General Subject for the Day*

That Women May Accomplish Their Part in

**The Great Commission**

10 A. M.—John 17
Prayer for unity; for all Woman's Boards of Missions; for our new Federation; for a vision of the task; for our missionaries; for guidance and wisdom; for Africa, Turkey, Egypt, Persia and Arabia.

11 A. M.—Matthew 28: 16-20
Thanksgiving for all that God has wrought through women. Prayer for faithfulness in our stewardship; for native Christian converts and leaders throughout the world; for China and the Philippine Islands.

*A box luncheon at noontime is suggested.*

2 P. M.—Romans 10: 8-17
For plans for united effort in foreign lands, through colleges, hospitals and preparation of literature; for India, Burma and South America.

*An offering, with special music, is suggested.*

3 P. M.—Psalm 96. Young Woman's Hour
Prayer for a great increase of student volunteers, for young women who will lead in the foreign mission work in the churches at home; for young women who shall train our children in missions; for Japan and Korea.

**Benediction.**

**A RECEPTION**

A reception for members of the mission and Sunday-school Cradle Rolls of the Portland, Me., Church was held at the home of Mrs. Alfreda Wallace, our State President on Thursday afternoon, November 6. Three members and four visitors were present. The latter being children to whom everything of the kind was an entirely new thing. Mr. Harold Faulkingham who had supplied the church pulpit the previous Sunday was present and offered prayer. Mrs. Wallace gave a short talk to the mothers after which the children were asked to speak pieces. Two shy darlings from our Cradle Roll spoke little pieces in tones scarcely audible, then one little visitor bravely and smartly spoke "Simple Simon." The children appeared to enjoy the singing, one little one joining in quite heartily.

It was a pleasing sight to see the little ones sitting at the table eating their lunch and it was encouraging to hear them say to their hostess, "I have had a nice time." One mother said, "Dorothy will talk about this for a year."

One new name was received for the Cradle Roll.

Copies of the *All Nations* and the *Golden New* were given to the mothers. The children received a piece of bead work made in India.

M. E. R.

**THE Danville, Quebec, local W. H. & F. M. S.**

Met Oct. 28th at the home of Mrs. J. A. Porter for their annual business meeting. There were eleven present. The officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. A. H. Kearney; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Porter; 2nd vice-president, Miss Fannie Marston; secretary, Miss Ida Wilkie; treasurer, Mrs. John Stimson.

The secretary reported eight business meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of nine. These afternoon meetings are followed by an evening session to which our honorary members, and any friends who wish, are invited to come. The average attendance at those sessions has been twenty-two. A program on some missionary topic is arranged by a committee. These programs are interesting, helpful, and instructive.

Although our work has not come up to what we might wish this year, we are thankful for the little that has been accomplished and trust for a more prosperous future. Ida Wilkie, Sec.

**THE Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of New Hampshire**

had charge of the meeting Wednesday evening, October 29 in connection with the conference at Dover, by the kindness of the committee.

Mrs. Ida W. Murphy of Pittsfield, State President was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Andrews, President of the local at Dover, who read Psalm 115, and was followed in prayer by Mrs. Bertha Little of Exeter, Southern Vice-president of the State. The choir then sang, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills." Bro. Clarence Burch was then introduced, and gave a very interesting talk on his work in China, and the customs and manners there. Mrs. Abbie Osgood of Pittsfield sang the solo, "He Was Not Willing." A collection was taken which amounted to $15.82. Nellie J. Jenness, Sec.
It is just 3.15 A.M., but as sleep is not, as they put it in Tamil, I will not try any longer to go to sleep just now. It is raining, I must not wait to tell you that the heat is broken. Yesterday the thermometer actually went down to 78 and to-day to 82 in the day time. I assure you we appreciate it.

The heavy rain outside is making a great noise and as it is coming through the kitchen roof, which was so well repaired last spring, I am reminded of the sounds we heard those many days on shipboard. Until to-night I have been able to sleep on the verandah, but such a heavy rain has loosened up the tiles and there is no place on the verandah where I can get out from under it, or away from its coming in on the sides. Hudson has had to move their dining table out into the hall.

What a country of extremes! We thought the cool rainy weather would never come, and now it is here with a vengeance. Oh, if it isn't coming right down the wall in my room! No wonder so much repairing has to be done in the spring to keep the houses from falling to pieces; and no wonder we never see paper on the walls, except in the hills.

It is surprising to see how quickly the brooks have filled up. They must soon overflow.

Several of the girls have colds from the dampness and change in temperature, therefore, I give out quinine every day.

A LITTLE CHAT.
Jess M. Saunders.

This is a delightful "at home" day, a rainy Sunday. Some of our girls will not enjoy it, though, for I promised to take them down to the Reading Room this evening. Our present quarters are very good and we have a lease of it for five years at $4.00 a month. The building itself is better suited for meetings than the former one was. It is nearer the college and we are in hopes to make it an interesting place for the students. I hope God is calling someone for this work. We really have more than we can handle properly, that is, to do justice to the different departments of the work. (We were obliged to move from the building formerly occupied, as when our year expired, the owner raised the rent beyond reason.—Ed.)

We have a good supply of handkerchiefs made and I have started some of the girls on lace work. Our weaving work is going on better than it ever did. The girls are doing better work and the teacher is diligent, which makes a big difference. To-morrow is Government inspection day for the school at Guindy. This will finish the government inspections for all of our schools. In December all of the Scripture examinations come, which will mean two weeks of hard tramping, as the fields are flooded now.

We are all much pleased with the nice lot of good things coming in the boxes. It was good of Miss Jones to provide for the workers. These gifts will make our work much easier.

We had a very good service this morning. Mr. Sigamoni preached, taking for his text, Daniel 4:33. His application was very good, and he held the attention of his congregation.

This year we will have a number of our girls passing out of the school, and only one that I know of is coming in, but there may be more. When I was in Bangalore I saw some of our old girls. Two of them are happily married and another expects to be married in a few months. Those who are married and live near us have visited the school a number of times since they left. I am thinking of having a Christmas gathering for them, and hope that we may be able to get a group photo of them and their families.

OUR EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE
President Orrin R. Jenkins

"This that this woman hath done shall be told as a memorial of her."

"This woman." It was a woman to whom the first promise of the Messiah was given; a woman who saved the world's greatest lawgiver; a woman who rallied Israel and drove the foes from the land, when the men had all become disheartened and fearful; a woman who dedicated her only son to God and gave Israel Samuel, her greatest judge and kingdom-builder; a woman who saved the life of the young prince Josiah and prepared for Judah one of her best and ablest kings; a woman who bore the world's Saviour, nursed Him, fed Him, clothed Him; a woman who ministered unselfishly to his needs during the sad years of His public ministry, a woman who was the last to leave His cross and the first to be at His tomb on the morn of His resurrection.