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Prayer is asked for the Quadrennial Conference of the Student Christian Movement which will be in session at Liverpool from January 2 to 8. The chairman, the speakers, and the audience, with its vast possibilities, alike claim our aid. Prayer is also asked that the C.M.S. Thankoffering Week, from January 21 to 28, may be widely observed. Many hearts are rejoicing at the tide of new life filling the old channels our fathers made. It is announced in the *Church Missionary Gazette* that henceforth the four o'clock " Thursday " prayer-meeting will be held at four o'clock on *Wednesdays* in the committee-room at the Church Missionary Society's House, to allow country and suburban friends to avail themselves of the cheap tickets usually issued on that day.

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"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—Ps. xc. 12.

" The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."—PROV. ix. 10.

I AM not skilled in reckoning sums like these—
I miss full many a day—but have no power
To add to life's length e'en a single hour ;
My products thus are ' minus quantities '!
And yet there is an answer, found with ease
By all who humbly seek Thy Spirit's dower,
Giv'n for the heart's enlightenment, like shower
Which falls to re-enverdure sun-scorch'd leas.
And Thou dost teach so wonderfully, Lord,
Bearing my stubbornness with patient might,
Giv'st me a Book of Answers in Thy Word,
And bidst me solve Life's problems by its light.
By that—subtract or add—my days should be
Summed up as Wisdom—which is, Fear of Thee !

A. J. SANTER.