

moral life. But when I went down on my knees and began to pray, I began to find out what sin was. Go down on your knees in prayer to God, and you will know what sin is. The Holy Spirit will teach you what your rotten Morality is, and what a poor creature you are, and what sin is, and he will lay a load on your heart, which he alone can take off."

Many others spoke. When the meeting was drawing near a close, the leader said they would give all who wished to be remembered in prayer an opportunity to manifest it by rising. More than twenty rose for prayer.

The Rev. Professor Hitchcock made a few short, pertinent remarks, and then was closed by singing and the benediction one of the most remarkable meetings of these days, as illustrating the work of grace which is going on among the men of the sea.

Proposed Week of Prayer.

The Committee of the Evangelical Alliance have proposed a week of prayer in the beginning of 1861. We copy the following brief notice, issued by the Committee of the Alliance.

PROPOSED WEEK OF PRAYER IN 1861.

Our missionary brethren at Lodiana invited Christians throughout the World to begin this year with united supplication for the enlarged outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The cordial response to their appeal is fresh in the memory of us all. The earth was girdled with prayer. The sun for seven days never set on groups or congregations of praying believers. Many striking answers to these prayers are known to have been received. Eternity alone will reveal all the blessings which were vouchsafed.

The recent Missionary Conference at Liverpool directed their attention to the subject, and expressed their earnest hope that "the whole Church of God through out the whole world," would set apart a week for special prayer at the beginning of next year; and the promoters of the Conference have communicated their desire that the Evangelical Alliance would prepare and issue an invitation to that effect. A similar wish has been expressed by the Lodiana Missionaries. The Committee of the Alliance cannot hesitate for a moment to undertake the duty to which they are thus called, and they do it the more readily since it is so entirely in accordance with their antecedent practice.

It is proposed that the eight days from Sunday, January 6th, to Sunday, January 13th, inclusive, 1861, should be observed as a season of special supplication. This would leave the first few days of the year free for other engagements, to which, in many cases, especially on the Continent, they have long been devoted; and the commencement on the Lord's day would afford pastors and teachers an opportunity of urging united prayer.

With a view to give something of precision and agreement to our worship, the following subjects are "suggested" for thought, prayer and exhortation, day by day.

SUNDAY, Jan. 6.—The promise of the Holy Spirit.

MONDAY, 7.—An especial blessing on all the services of the week, and the promotion of brotherly kindness among all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

TUESDAY, 8.—The attainment of a high standard of holiness by the children of God.

WEDNESDAY, 9.—A large increase of true conversions, especially in the families of believers.

THURSDAY, 10.—The free circulation of the Word of God, and a blessing upon Christian Literature.

FRIDAY, 11.—A large outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all bishops, pastors and elders of the Churches, upon all seminaries of Christian learning, and upon every Protestant Missionary among the Jews or Gentiles, upon the converts of his station, and upon his field of labour.

SATURDAY, 12.—The speedy overthrow of false religions, and the full accomplishment of the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come."

SUNDAY, 13.—Thanksgiving for past revival; and the enforcement of the solemn responsibility resting on every Christian to spend and be spent in making known the name of the Lord Jesus at home and abroad; Missionary Sermons.

These subjects are capable of every variety of treatment. Union is strength. United prayer, united praise, has power with God, and prevails—2 Chron. v. 13, and xx. 20-22; Acts iv. 31-33. Every day the standard of the Cross advances. Every day new fields of holy warfare open before us. Every day the conflict thickens. The aggressions on the camp of the enemy are stirring up all his wrath. The very successes of Christ's soldiers multiply the calls for reinforcements. Our only hope is in God. Our expectation is from Him. Shall we not arise, and with one heart and one voice call upon Him from whom cometh our salvation? The Lord hath done great things for us, Showers of blessings have fallen on many lands. There is a sound of abundance of rain. Shall the posture of the Church be that of