

In the meantime, Exeter Hall has been secured for ten days, from the 9th to the 19th of June, 1888, with its ample accommodation for public or private meetings, either in separate sections or larger united conferences, as may be agreed upon. It is proposed that many of the meetings shall be open to the members of Conference only, for the discussion of important questions.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE are :—

- 1st. Delegates and Representatives from Missionary Societies.
- 2nd. Officers and Members of Committees of Missionary Societies.
- 3rd. Agents of Missionary Societies, or other recognized laborers in the field of Foreign Missions.
- 4th. Gentlemen and Ladies whom the Committee may deem it desirable to invite.

The committee have secured the appointment of ninety-five delegates by forty-eight missionary societies in this country, and now respectfully solicit—1st. A similar appointment by as many as possible of the Evangelical Missionary Societies of the United States, the British Colonies, and the Continent of Europe. 2nd. Suggestions as to the method of conducting the Conference, and as to subjects for discussion.

Every effort shall be made on the part of the committee to provide hospitality for the brethren and sisters from abroad who may favor them by their presence.

The following topics have been suggested for consideration, but subject to omissions, subdivision, or additions, as may be agreed on; the feeling being in favor of a thorough consideration of a few subjects, rather than the desultory discussion of many :—

I. MODES OF OPERATION IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.

- 1st. Self-Support and Self-Government in Native Churches.
- 2nd. How to Educate Native Evangelists and Pastors, and to stimulate the higher life and enthusiasm of converts for the conversion of the heathen.
- 3rd. How to adapt Missionary methods to the different states of Civilization or Barbarism among heathen nations: (a) Education. (b) Woman's Work. (c) Medical Missions, etc.
- 4th. How to adapt Missionary methods to the different forms of Religion among non-Christian peoples; especially those having sacred books.
- 5th. The providing of Christian literature for Converts in all parts of the Mission Field.
- 6th. The proper treatment of such questions as Polygamy, Slavery, Caste, the Marriage of Infants and of Widows, etc.