

annual Week of Prayer in different distant countries ; still there is reason to know that in many towns and cities of our own and foreign lands, Christians have not in this way been brought into sympathy with the universal Church of Christ. The Evangelical Alliance, therefore, desirous of manifesting the union of all true Christians, and of extending the benefits which in various ways have attended these annual assemblies for united prayer, affectionately call upon the children of God everywhere to take counsel, and to make arrangements for observing it in their respective localities. The Alliance feel assured that thereby the hearts of Christians will be refreshed, and the hands of those brethren strengthened, who in other places, at home and abroad, plead before God for the gifts of His grace and the outstretchings of His arm to bless His Church and convert a perishing world.

Fellow Christians! Let us with one accord, if spared to see the commencement of a new year, encircle the world with our faithful, fervent, and united prayers. Let us, then, gather around the throne of our Heavenly Father, forgetful of our differences of language, nation, and ecclesiastical system. Let us plead in the name of one Lord, Redeemer, and Intercessor, for blessings which the circumstances of our time show to be most needful, urgent, and important.

"If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."

"O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come."

The following topics, among others, are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting :—

*Sunday, January 3.*—SERMONS. Subject :—The intercession of the "High Priest over the House of God," the motive and model of united prayer.—Heb. x. 19-22.

*Monday, January 4.*—CONFESSION OF SIN, and THANKSGIVING for special and general mercies during the past year, to Nations, Churches, and Families.

*Tuesday, January 5.*—NATIONS : for their temporal and spiritual prosperity ; edifying intercourse, and the maintenance of Peace ; for increased openings for the Gospel ; for the removal of social evils ; for the better observance of the Lord's Day ; and for kings and all in authority.

*Wednesday, January 6.*—FAMILIES : for children of Christian parents ; for a blessing on home influence ; for all Seminaries of Christian learning ; Universities, Colleges, and Schools ; for Sunday Schools, and private instruction ; for our youth abroad ; and for a blessing on Christian literature.

*Thursday, January 7.*—THE CHURCH : for more knowledge of God's word, and increase of spiritual life ; for sound and faithful preaching adapted to rich and poor ; growing love to Christ ; a more earnest love to Christians of varied name, and of all nations ; and for the sending forth of more labourers into the harvest.

*Friday, January 8.*—MISSIONS : for the conversion of the heathen and Mohammedans ; for the growth of missionary zeal ; for the removal of hindrances to preaching the Gospel among all nations ; for recent converts ; and for all who are suffering persecution for the truth.

*Saturday, January 9.*—GENERAL : for the conversion of Israel ; for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures ; for Christian and Philanthropic Societies ; and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christians and Christian Churches throughout the world.

*Sunday, January 10.*—SERMONS. Subject : The duty of the Christian Church in relation to the Religious Wants of the world.