

ence to the last command of the risen Saviour, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," especially in those vast regions of the heathen world in which the people are still "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death," without a preached Gospel, or even the written "word of God."

The means proposed for the accomplishment of this great object are, to take advantage of the experience of the last hundred years of Protestant Missions, in the light of God's word, by gathering together Christians of all Protestant communities engaged in missionary labors throughout the world, to confer with one another on these many important and delicate questions which the progress of civilization and the large expansion of missionary work have brought into prominence, with a view to develop the agencies employed for the spread of the "Gospel of the grace of God." The ends aimed at may be classed under three heads:—

1st. To turn to account the experience of the past for the improvement of the methods of Missionary enterprise in the foreign field.

2nd. To utilise acquired experience for the improvement of the methods for the home management of Foreign Missions.

3rd. To seek the more entire *consecration of the Church of God*, in all its members, to the great work committed to it by the Lord.

For the attainment of these important ends the Committee are profoundly convinced that without the special aid of the Spirit of God all their plans and arrangements will be of no avail, and would therefore entreat that earnest and continued prayer may be offered unto God by His people, that it may please Him in all things to direct their efforts as a Committee on behalf of the proposed Conference, and eventually to grant such an outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon the meetings that His cause shall mightily prosper, and His Name "may be known upon earth, His saving health among all nations." They propose that steps be taken to have the second and third weeks of June set apart throughout the Christian world for prayer with reference to this object; being the week before, and that during which, the Conference is to be held.

The programme of the Conference will not be finally fixed, until the opinions of Societies in America and on the Continent, as well as those of the United Kingdom, have been ascertained.