

verts, and 130 communicants; at the latter, 8 missionaries, 394 converts, and 196 communicants. The smallest results are seen at Peking, where there are six missionaries, and only six communicants. This, however, is one of the latest occupied stations.

General Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR 1865.

The secretaries of the Evangelical Alliance have issued a circular, inviting Christians generally to unite in prayer, as in former years, in January next. We subjoin the circular.

PROPOSED WEEK OF PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, JANUARY 1—8, 1865.

The time has again arrived to invite Christians of all countries to make arrangements for observing a week of special and united prayer, at the beginning of the coming year.

Few movements of the Church of Christ have been more owned and honoured of the Lord than these annual seasons of united supplication. The Evangelical Alliance, therefore, feel imperatively urged to renew their invitation, in the hope of meeting a yet larger response than in former years, and of obtaining yet more abundant spiritual and temporal blessings.

The calls for prayer are loud and urgent; the claims of a perishing world, increasing as they must, with the readiness everywhere apparent to receive the truth; the assaults made against the common faith by a revived Romanism, and by modern forms of infidelity; the war spirit exhibited among Christians professedly Christian; these and other considerations urge upon true believers, while persevering in zealous, active effort, to draw near to the Throne of Grace, and by united, continuous, and faithful prayer, to prove God according to His own word. "If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. III. 10.

"I WILL THAT MEN PRAY EVERY WHERE, LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS, WITHOUT WRATH AND DOUBTING." 1 Tim. II. 8.

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

Sunday, Jan. 1.—Sermons on the agency of the Holy Ghost in the present dispensation.

Monday, 2.—Thanksgiving for blessings upon individuals, nations, and churches, together with confession of sins.

Tuesday, 3.—Pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries.

Wednesday, 4.—The children of Christian parents, congregations, and schools.

Thursday, 5.—Sunday-Schools, and all actively engaged in Christian work.

Friday, 6.—The abolition of slavery, and the cessation of war.

Saturday, 7.—The Christian Church, for increased holiness, activity, and harmony among its several sections.

Sunday, 8.—Sermons; the visible unity of the Church—"That they all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou has sent me." John XVII. 21.

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Secretaries of the British Branch of the Evangelical Alliance.

DEATH OF AN AGED MINISTER.—Recent newspapers announce the death of the Rev. Alex. Young of Logie-Almond, the father of the United Presbyterian Church, and the oldest officiating Minister in Scotland. Mr. Young died at the age of 88, and had been a Minister for 64 years.