

aries. 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 the privilege of 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 the services of the week, and the promotion of brotherly kindness among those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

*Tuesday, 8.*—The attainment of a higher 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 Jews or Gentiles, upon the converts of his stations, and upon his field of labour.

*Saturday, 12.*—The speedy overthrow of all 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 upon many lands. There is a sound of abundance of rain. Shall not the posture of the Church be that of Elijah, prostrate in importunate prayer? It was when all the people shouted with a great shout that the walls of Jericho fell. Who will refuse to raise the voice of supplication? The last recorded words of the Son of Man are reverberating through Christendom, "Surely I come quickly." Who will not respond, "Amen. Even so; come, Lord Jesus.

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