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with thoughts, wishes, prayers in that direction, resulting, as at least a step in that direction, in the 'Special Meeting,' on our Program." We have been advised of other similar movements.

The inspiring and consecration of each system of church machinery means the making of it all available.

3d. Let there be combined movements in all our cities and villages for the purpose of rousing all the ministry and all the membership, and of reaching every man with the Gospel message of salvation.

There is vast power in mass-movement, especially in moral and religious causes. This should be made the most of. There are also great dangers in them, to be guarded against.

The sources of power in such massmovement — sympathy, combination, momentum, etc. — are well known. One danger, equally well known, is that because of the power of sympathy such work is often sudden and merely emotional and superficial.

In the campaigns proposed in the cities of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, under Mr. Moody's leadership, he has positively declined to adopt that method. He thinks that practically no sinners would be reached by it except those that are already in the It would carry the work Church. away from the churches, where it ought to be done, and would shift the responsibility from the ministers on whom it properly rests. It might lead to trust in the evangelist or in the new machine, rather than in Christ and the Holy Spirit and the divine ordinances of the Church. Mr. Moody rightly looks upon his task as that of rousing the leaders to do their own divinely appointed work.

If these dangers are guarded against, such combined effort in each city and community will mean the evangelization of all the cities and communities.

4th. Let there be begun in each

Christian circle, church, and community, special prayer to God for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the ministry and the membership that they may be endued with that power without which nothing of spiritual value and permanence is ever accomplished in the spread of the Gospel.

The Fulton Street Prayer-Meeting was, by the grace of God, the startingpoint of that great and widespread revival of 1858, which brought the laity in the Church to a sense of their mission as coworkers with Christ, and gave inspiration to the great organizations that have since embodied the consciousness of that mission, and that to-day belt the globe with their beneficent in-That prayer-meeting inspired fluence. hundreds of others, and so the work spread. Let each Christian who reads these words take up this idea, and we may expect the program of 1858 to be repeated on the scale of the world.

5th. Let each reader of this note set about the work of securing and disseminating the necessary information concerning the present crisis and what needs to be done to meet it, concerning the responsibility of the Church and the ministry, and concerning the methods and means to be employed in bringing about the speedy spread and prevalence of the Gospel of Christ.

THE REVIEW will be glad to furnish information or suggestions to such as may desire, but the work must be done right down among the people by the individual ministers and Christians. They must use and disseminate the information and do the work of rousing the hosts of Christ's followers, reaching and saving the lost, if it is to be done.

We shall be glad to receive suggestions from any who are practically interested in hastening the complete establishment of the Kingdom of God.