

of the Gospel; and while drawing closer to each other and to God, to lift up our united supplications that the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, may shine upon the dark places of the earth, and fill the world with the knowledge of His glory.

Signed by the Christian Brethren in Britain, America, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Turkey and Greece.

The following are suggested as suitable topics for exhortation and prayer on the successive days of meeting:

Sunday, January 4.—**SERMONS.**—The unity of the Christian Church. The real owners of all true believers. Hindrances and motives to union. John xvii. 21, 22, 23.

Monday, January 5.—**THANKSGIVING.**—For national, domestic, and personal mercies, both spiritual and temporal. **CONFESSION.**—Unworthiness and guilt of our people and ourselves. Dan. ix. 3.

Tuesday, January 6.—**PRAYER.**—For the Christian Church; for the increase of faith and holiness, love, and power; and for the more abundant grace of the Holy Spirit; for persecuted and suffering Christians. Col. i. 9, 10, 11; Heb. xiii. 3.

Wednesday, January 7.—**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES.**—Home and parental influence. Schools, private and public. Sons and daughters absent from home. Children in sickness and affliction. The erring and disobedient. Psalm cxv. 12, 13, 14; cxliv. 12.

Thursday, January 8.—**PRAYER.**—For Nations; for peace among men; for public virtue and righteousness; for the banishment of intemperance, infidelity, superstition, and error, and for the diffusion of pure and Christian literature. Iss. xi. 17, 18.

Friday, January 9.—**PRAYER.**—For the evangelization of European countries; for the conversion of Israel; for the spread of the Gospel in Mohammedan and heathen lands. Psalm lxxviii. 31; cxxii. 6; Heb. xii. 3.

Saturday, January 10.—**PRAYER.**—In review of the events of 1873. Recognition of the Providence of God. Happy issue of the Divine dispensation. Iss. xxvi. 8, 9.

Sunday, January 11.—**SERMONS.**—Subject: Christ's kingdom universal and everlasting. Ps. xlvii. 1, 2.

Japan.

The children of the United Presbyterian Church are to make a special New Year's offering for the Mission in Japan. Four Missionaries are likely to leave Scotland for Japan in course of a few months.

Home Missions.

Report of Mr. Adam Gunn, Calechist.

To the Rev Presbytery of Halifax:

Having returned from the Eastern Shore I beg to submit the following report: Most of my time was given within the limits of Sheet Harbor congregation. At Tangier I had service nearly every Sabbath, and a Bible Class during the week. This was a few years ago one of the strongest sections of the congregation, but since the mines are not much worked it has become greatly weakened. At present there are about ten families of Presbyterians at Tangier and vicinity. They attend regularly on the public worship of God, and contribute very liberally toward the support of Gospel ordinances. They have an interesting Sabbath School under the superintendence of Mr. Hay, and receive a service from Mr. Dickie once in three weeks during winter. At Mooseland I had service on five Sabbaths and once on a week evening. This is a mining district also, but does little in that line at present. There are about a dozen families in this locality. They only had service twice since the middle of winter (by a Church of England minister) except on the days I was there. They are all Episcopalians with the exception of the miners, two of whom are Presbyterians. They are situated at a distance of twelve miles from any place of worship outside of their own settlement. The amount raised by them toward paying my expenses is very creditable.

At Shoal Bay I had service generally once in three weeks. The place of meeting was a small school house, which used to be crowded to overflowing, but will not contain over thirty or forty persons.

I have also given part of my time to Spry Bay. We met in a school house, a large building of the kind, but not sufficient to accommodate all who came. There are a few families here who began to build a Church, but after having it boarded in it was blown down by the gale of August 24th. They have gone to work at it again; but as there are only a few of them to build it, it will prove too difficult a task for them unless they receive aid from abroad. They are not like the wagoner in the fable imploring help while inactive themselves, but they have manfully put their shoulder to the wheel, and now they are asking aid, which they most certainly deserve. I know of no other place where a Church is more needed, or where money would be spent to more advantage. Mr. Dickie preaches