

man, young woman, begin the Christian race now: for there never will be a more favorable time. And the same message is to be uttered to every one at every stage of life—*now*.

Christian—have you learned to consecrate time and money to the Lord, more fully than your fathers have done? If not, do so now. If God has done a great work in you and for you, he expects you to be a fellow-labourer with him for the salvation of others. He calls for self-sacrifice, not in some distant future, when persecution shall arise or some strange thing occur, but now, in this common, dull, work-a-day world. He whose you are, demands by right you and all you possess. Have you resigned yourself wholly? If not, do so now.

You are a member of the Presbyterian Church; do you support the Church as God has given you ability? Christ loved the church so dearly that he shed his blood for her. How much do you love her—and what sacrifice are you willing to make for her peace and prosperity? None can answer these questions satisfactorily but your own heart and the Great Searcher of hearts. You are bound as a Presbyterian to support the cause of Christ in connection with your own denomination as liberally as you can. Have you considered this? If not, think of it now. If you have shirked your duty, begin now its faithful and earnest performance. You cannot long do much for your church. A few years ago you were doing nothing for it; a few years hence your opportunities will all be past and gone forever. *Now* is the time.

You are a Christian, which is of far greater importance than being a Presbyterian. Think of the meaning of that honoured name by which you are called. As a Christian are you Christ-like—loving, humble, meek, gentle, true? If not, begin anew *now*.

Do you worship God daily, morning and evening, in your family as well as in secret? If not, do so now. To neglect the worship of God in secret and in the family is the surest and swiftest way of bringing barren-

ness on your own soul, and the blight of worldliness on all who are under your influence.

Do you conform to the world in its lies, shams, and vanities? Do you waste in useless luxuries, in dress, in amusement, what might and should be consecrated to the Lord? Do you neglect the Prayer meeting for the "social gathering" or "tea party," or "political caucus?" Then, stop: stop *now*.

Look around you and you will see work in superabundance, which you can do for the Lord and for your own soul; work for your family and friends, for the prayer meeting and the Sabbath School, for the congregation and the church at large, for strangers and enemies, for our own missions and all our philanthropic and religious enterprises. And whatever your hand finds to do, do it *now*.

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### WEEK OF PRAYER.

Christians in Great Britain and on the Continent agreed to unite in a week of prayer, extending from the 19th to the 26th ult., for the Reformed churches, for the conversion of the souls of Roman Catholics, especially of their ecclesiastics and dignitaries—for particular countries and for mission fields; and an invitation was sent to Christian people on this Continent to join in the Concert.

So far as the Lower Provinces are concerned, we notice that measures were promptly adopted in St. John, N. B., and in Charlottetown for Union Prayer meetings to be attended by the various evangelical denominations, and we may safely assume that these opportunities were improved by many earnest souls.

In Halifax the response to the invitation was left to the different denominations; and, so far as our own body is concerned, we have to report excellent meetings in St. John's Church, Brunswick Street, and in Fort Massey Church on Monday and Friday evenings, additional to the usual Congregational gatherings on the Wednesday evening.