

while leaving each church to make its own arrangements for other services, appointed a Committee to arrange for one or more United Meetings. The Rev. Messrs. Fyfe and Scott, Secretaries, were further directed to endeavour to secure the co-operation of Christians throughout Canada. We are happy to find that the President of the Canada Wesleyan Conference had already issued an address, urging on all the ministers of that body the observance of the time specified. We trust that the officers of other denominational bodies, and the churches of other localities, will have been found moving in the same direction.

It is a touching circumstance, that a small band of foreign missionaries in far-off India should have struck a chord which has vibrated in so many Christian hearts. The essential unity of true believers, and the deep need felt among them for more copious showers of heavenly grace, are here brought prominently into view.

When, from so many praying souls, in all parts of the earth, the cry goes up into the ears of the Lord of Hosts, "O Lord, revive thy work!" can we doubt what its reception will be? He "waits to be gracious;" He challenges us to "prove Him, if he will not pour out a blessing." If the prayer of "two or three" has such value in his sight, what will He not do when thousands "agree on earth as touching the things which they shall ask?"

The manner in which this week shall be observed, was wisely left by the original proposers to be determined by "the circumstances of each community," they only suggesting that "on Monday, the 9th instant, be a holy convocation for solemn fasting, humiliation and prayer; and that on the last day, that is Sabbath, the 15th, be a holy convocation for thanksgiving and praise." We know one church that has resolved to hold for that week a daily noon prayer meeting, the evening being left free for its ordinary appointments and for united services. Others may prefer a meeting on every night, or every alternate night. These are mere matters of detail. The great want of the time is, that the *heart of each individual Christian* be found "panting after God." This will give life and power to whatsoever meetings may be held; or, should any one be denied access to such, will enable him to join in spirit with his brethren throughout the world.

Truly, we in Canada need to offer up most earnest prayer for the Holy Spirit. As we read of the revivals that have taken place elsewhere, we often say,

"Shall dews fall thick on all around,  
And our poor fleece be dry?  
Shall manna cover all the ground,  
While we for hunger die?"

Yet God is as near to us, as He is to any of His children—as willing to favor us as them. Let us but wrestle with him, and we shall prevail! F. H. M.

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### THIS YEAR YOU MAY DIE.

This year you may die—because you are ever and every where exposed to the causes that take away life.

This year you may die—because life is the most uncertain thing in the world, and you have not the assurance of a single moment beyond the present.

This year you may die—because some among your friends and acquaintances have died; and all the liabilities to death still remain for the rest who yet live.

This year you may die—for it is all but certain that many of the readers of this address will die this year, and why not you?