

have come upon the people and have taught them how unreliable mere material good must be ; that may be one occasional cause of this general feeling ; but the secret cause is individual ; it is in the stirring of the individual consciousness in men and women, however awakened, which reveals to them their weakness in the presence of the strong trials, and of the armed temptations of life.—There are times in the history of every one, however worldly his manner of life may be, when within himself the blind thrill of a vague revival is felt—when his old life suddenly appears to him in lineaments of shame, and the prospect of a new career flashes suddenly upon his brain.

Why should not the whole community together sometimes reach these turning-points; and come to such resolutions? For our own part we can see nothing in the nature of religion or of the human mind which should make such a revival unreasonable.

PHILADELPHIA.—The following letter from a Philadelphia correspondent gives a cheering account of the progress of the "good work" in that city :

PHILADELPHIA, March 22, 1858.

The good work continues to make progress in our city, gathering strength and volume as time moves on. The Jayne's Hall prayer-meeting, of which you had an account in last week's issue, loses none of its interest. The meetings for prayer from 12 to 1 o'clock, and for preaching from 4 to 5 o'clock, P. M., are attended by thousands, and an evident advantage is being gained over the great adversary. Men who would be unwilling to concede so much to religion as to be seen in attendance in our churches, come to these meetings, and will have their prejudices abated by witnessing the harmony, and kind Christian feeling manifested by ministers and men of different denominations, while co-operating on the same platform to advance the cause of our common Christianity,

During last week, meetings have been opened in several of our large halls to accommodate people in different sections of the city, and the attendance has been full to meet all expectations. So long as Christian ministers and laymen keep to the post of duty, and exercise a *controlling* influence, the work will be blessed by God, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The *Philadelphia Presbyterian* of the 27th March, says:—"The remarkable awakening continues to spread in all parts of the country. Daily prayer-meetings, after the manner of those in New York and Philadelphia, are held in increasing number of cities and towns. We observe notices of them in Baltimore, Washington City, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Louisville. In most cases they are very numerous attended. The *St. Louis Presbyterian* says the gracious work in that city is extending amongst all denominations. That journal for the last week has about an entire page occupied with short notices of revivals. Surely there is reason for wonder and for gratitude at these manifestations of the stately steppings of the Lord. It is a time when a great responsibility rests upon Christians. Let there be no slumbering professor—no Achan in the camp.

WASHINGTON.—Our Washington correspondent writes to us, March 13th: During the past week, we have had a prayer meeting in the 1st Presbyterian church, Rev Dr Sunderland's, which has been increasingly well attended ever since it began, on Monday. The services commence at a quarter before 5, P. M., and continue one hour. The meetings are opened by singing a hymn, followed by two short prayers in succession, with singing, reading a portion of Scripture, or exhortation for five minutes interposed. Thus six or eight earnest supplications are offered at each meeting. It is emphatically a Union Prayer Meeting. Christians of various denominations are present. The doors are opened a few minutes before the time of meeting, and very soon the house is filled. On Saturday afternoon last, every seat in the body of the church was occupied, a number standing in the aisles near the doors, and others could only get seats by repairing to the galleries. The prayers were solemn and fervent, and the songs of Zion were sung by the whole congregation, and, as I thought, with the spirit and the understanding also, making melody in their heart unto God. It was earnestly recommended to keep together, until one house would no longer contain these who should convene. The meetings for this week are to be held in the E street Baptist church, where all were invited to attend, and when one house shall be found too strait to accommodate those who may assemble other places for