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PRAY, WAIT, AND WORK.

In a few remarks in our last number, in reply to the question, "How should we enter on 1869," we showed that there were many calls for gratitude and abundant room for humiliation and sorrow in our review of the past; and that we should meet the new year with faith and resolution, not forgetting *prayer*, earnest, importunate, and constant. We were aware that the first week of the year would be gone before our words would be read extensively, but we wished to aid in promoting the *continuance* of this means of grace, remembering that our Great Master and Intercessor taught that "men ought *always* to pray and not to faint."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

It is a joyful fact that at least one week has already this year been devoted in good measure to prayer throughout the Christian world. We have special satisfaction, in informing our readers that the week of prayer was never more generally, and we believe happily, observed through the Lower Provinces:

Respecting the meetings in Halifax, we submit the following testimony from the *January Record* of the Church of Scotland:—

The annual week of prayer has been of more than usual interest in Halifax during the present month.

The number in attendance at the different meetings increased from day to day, till on Friday the church in Poplar Grove became so crowded, it was determined to hold the evening session in the Temperance Hall,

and it was found too small to afford sitting room for the audience.

The spirit of unity and brotherly love which brought the ministers and elders of the different denominations together, and made them labor in harmony for the common object, was a marked feature of the week.

The influence of these meetings will not terminate at their close, but the quickening zeal, and increased spiritual strength imparted by them, will make itself felt in the different Churches.

And we can add that some of these meetings, for we were not present at all, were hallowed seasons, and that the gracious presence of the God of prayer seemed to be manifestly enjoyed.

In St. John, N. B., two sets of meetings were held. The Episcopalians held meetings of their own in the School Room of St. John's Church; and the other evangelical bodies held a series of noonday and evening meetings, in their respective churches which were of great interest.

In Charlottetown, similar meetings were also held twice a day in different churches, with a good attendance and undiminished interest.

But while we have named the chief towns of the three nearest Colonies, we have also reason to believe that these gatherings have extended over the whole range of the lower Provinces. In New Brunswick we see notices of Carleton prayer meetings, and it is probable that from St. Stephen to Restigouche, the concert for prayer has been observed, and we have no doubt that our people in Prince Edward Island have been meeting from Bay Fortune or Murray Har-