

religion must indeed be at a low ebb where such sentiments are held and acted on. Having lately perused the following excellent article on this important subject, I send it for insertion in the Magazine, praying that it may not only be blessed in the perusal to the members of the church referred to, but also to many others who, it is to be feared, are practically in the same condition, and that the time may speedily arrive when Christians generally shall love, as they ought to do, a holy, active, zealous, life in the service of their Lord and Saviour. I remain, your's affectionately,

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AN APPEAL TO SLUMBERING CHRISTIANS.

"And that, knowing the time, that now is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."—Romans xiii. 11.

Professed disciple of Christ, are you in a state of spiritual apathy, are you asleep? Consider the time in which you are living as an incentive to awake. There is in truth no time for Christians to sleep in this world. Think how many of the years which you have passed in this world have been spent in the service of Satan, in open rebellion against the Most High. Think how little of the time since you covenanted to devote all to your Creator has been really occupied in his service. Think how much of it you have loitered and trifled and dreamed away, how much of it you have occupied with vain thoughts, idle fancies, abortive plans, fruitless resolutions and unprofitable conversation. Think how much good you might have done which you have left undone, and that all which you have ever done, whether good or evil, has gone to appear in judgment for or against you. Think how much of your probationary state has been already spent, and how little remains for usefulness in a world where so much needs to be done. Look for-

ward and see just at hand your last hour in this world, and the dissolution of all terrestrial things. It is high time to awake out of sleep, if you would accomplish any thing in the service of God on this side of eternity. Consider, also, the opportunities and advantages which are afforded, and the obligations which are imposed upon you by the time in which you are living. It is such a crisis in the religious world as our fathers never saw, as no former generation ever saw. It is an age of great light, when the press is pouring floods of religious intelligence through all the land, when a vast amount of moral machinery is in operation to improve the temporal and spiritual condition of man, when facilities are furnished every follower of Christ, by means of benevolent associations, for exerting a powerful moral influence on the remotest parts of the globe. It is an age preparatory to the renovation of the whole earth and the universal reign of Christ. It is a momentous thing to live under the responsibilities of such an age; and to sleep under the full blaze of that light, whose brilliancy is to increase, and whose radiance expand until it illumines all nations, is to contract fearful guilt. As it is certain that the turpitude of sin is enhanced in proportion to the degree of knowledge possessed, according to the principle laid down by Christ, "that servant which knew his Lord's will and did it not, shall be beaten with many stripes," those servants who are slothful in the nineteenth century, will have a greater account to render than those who have been slothful in any former age.

Reflect also, slumbering disciple, as a further reason why you should awake out of sleep, that now your salvation is nearer than when you believed. A traveller who was on his way to some place where dwelt his kindred and friends, and where lay his possessions, would naturally