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THE 14th Annual Meeting of Believers, for Bible Study held at Niagara, July 10th to 17th, 1890, opened on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with a meeting for prayer and praise. Dr. Jas. H. Brookes led the devotional exercises, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Bilhorn, of Chicago, who presided at the organ.

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At this meeting my mind has turned to the necessity for earnest prayer. It may be owing to the fact that the outlook is so gloomy, except to the eye of faith, or to the fact that so many of God's professed people have gone a very great distance from Him, or to the fact that the Word when faithfully preached is often so powerless. It has been impressed upon me deeply that at this Conference we need as never before, personal, earnest, and constant prayer. I am afraid that sometimes we content ourselves too easily with praying here. There should be much room praying. We should know what it means to be as Jesus was down here, rising up a great while before day and going into a solitary place to pray, and remaining all night in prayer to God. If we had such a spirit as that, we should surely receive the greatest blessing we have ever had at these Conferences. I want you to make it personal. 'Search *me* O God, and know *my* heart; try *me* and know *my* thoughts.' Not my friends or neighbours, but, 'See if there be any wicked way in *me* and lead *me* in the way everlasting.'

We come here for personal blessing and refreshment. Well, 'They that seek *me* early shall find *me*.' 'And ye shall seek *me* and find *me*, when ye shall search for *me* with all your heart,' Jer.