

most remarkable movements of our time in its depth, its extent, and its moral elevation. It appeared to be so divinely guided as to avoid extravagances, and it worked with the utmost loyalty to the instituted authorities of the Church of Christ. It disclosed great ability and organizing power, but what was most noteworthy was the fact that everything was done in the spirit of prayer and supplication. Prayer for missions had declined. The monthly concert had fallen into disuse or had ceased to emphasize the wants of the heathen. The week of prayer had become almost wholly subsidized for interests nearer home. Prayers for missions in the pulpit were, for the most part, confined to set phrases when not omitted altogether.

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The Church of Christ proceeds upon the assumption that the whole work must be divinely guided and inspired. "Without faith it is impossible to please God. He that cometh to Him, must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of all them that diligently seek Him," and he must not be overtaken with awkward surprise when his prayers are answered.

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