

the care of teachers in membership with us. —

Upon reviewing the state of society within our limits, a deep solicitude was felt in relation to the deficiencies in the important duty of attending our meetings, which are still brought before us, and an earnest desire was expressed that all may regard, with deeper interest, this solemn concern. We should then feel it our duty to meet with our friends, and endeavour to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable before God, which is our reasonable service. —

Under the influence of this dedication of mind, our light would so shine before men that they seeing our good works would glorify our Father which is in Heaven; and an effect would be produced similar to that which resulted when Saul sent messengers after David to the company of the prophets — not only would the mantle of divine love overspread us in our assemblies, but those who come amongst us, would likewise feel its holy influence, and our example would hold out to others this invitation "come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths." and our conduct in all our concerns both temporal and spiritual would convince others that we were guided by the Spirit of Truth. — Upon the precious children too, this "unction from the Holy One" would descend, like the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion," when "the Lord commanded the blessing even life forevermore." —

A lively concern was expressed that the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches might not wear our affections from those more enduring treasures which we laid up for the righteous, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal. "Take no thought, saying what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or where withall shall we be clothed;" (said the blessed Jesus,) "for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things, but seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Oh! that we were willing to sell all that we have in order to buy that pearl of great price, which the Lord bestows upon his faithful and dedicated servants, then would our meetings be attended more generally with the overshadowing influence of Divine Love, and we should realize in our experience that state which was foretold by the Prophet, saying, "In that day shall the Lord of Hosts be for a crown of glory and a defence of beauty to the residue of his people, and for a spirit of judgement to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate." —

Friends were encouraged to cultivate in their own hearts that pure principle of Divine Love, which has for one of its first fruits the love of our fellow-men: for the first and great commandment is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," and the second is like unto it, "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, for on these two commandments hang all the