

peaceably and consistently bearing this testimony to the world. - If we enter into warm disputes, or manifesting feelings of hostility or animosity towards our fellow beings, we are still in a spirit of war: And it was clearly shown that a faithful testimony against this evil would lead out of all political contests.

On the subject of a hiring Ministry, a deep exercise was renewedly felt; and friends were earnestly exhorted to withhold their countenance from a system which is so calculated to turn the attention of the people from the true Teacher. - It is a truth sanctioned by the authority of the Holy Scriptures, that God teacheth his people himself. - and when it pleases him to employ instruments, he doubtless himself selects them, and qualifies them for the service, by an anointing of the Holy Spirit. - And his command to them will be now as formerly, "freely ye have received, freely give". -

The meeting was introduced into a deep exercise on the subject of Slavery; and a lively concern was felt, that we may continue to support this testimony with uprightness and integrity, consistently with the mild and peaceable principles of the Gospel of Christ; and that, in all our movements in relation to it, we may carefully look for direction to that unerring Guide, which alone can point to a path of safety for us to walk in. - When our Divine Master putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and prepareth a way for them.

By learning to distinguish, and certainly to know his voice, and by faithfully following Him, we shall be enabled to avoid the dangers which any hasty or injudicious steps might involve us in. -

The friends appointed at a former sitting to prepare an address to our members containing an expression of our views & feelings

in relation to our testimony in regard to Slavery produced the following which was read and united with, and directed to be printed in our extracts, to wit:

This Meeting being introduced into a consideration of the many trials to which, as a Religious Society, we are exposed, and particularly as regards the various popular excitements now so prevalent in our lands; in which, it is feared, some of our members are in danger of becoming involved; an earnest and fervent desire was felt, that we may, individually, be preserved out of every thing that will have a tendency to draw the mind away from a dependence on the pure, living, Eternal Truth. A deep solicitude was also felt, that we may all, in an especial manner, avoid involving ourselves with the associations that have sprung up around us, for the avowed purpose of promoting the Abolition of Slavery in our Country by political or other measures of a coercive nature, devised in the wisdom and contrivance of man. We fully believe that our safety, as individuals and as a Society, depends upon the guidance of a higher wisdom, which, if attended to, would keep us free from all such connexions, and preserve us from the entanglements, and responsibility, arising out of them.

In extending this caution to our members, this Meeting feels no abatement of its concern, for the advancement and prosperity of our well known testimony against Slavery. On the contrary, we affectionately desire that this testimony may continue to be supported with uprightness and integrity; and that we may be faithful to every clear manifestation of duty, which, in the light of Truth, may be opened to us in relation to it.