

Strongest evidences of true dedication to God, is found in our willingness to leave all temporal concerns, in order to perform Divine Worship, in accordance with the injunction of the Apostle, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye neglect not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service". And as we become rightly concerned for the performance of this great duty, we believe doubts and difficulties which may exist in our minds will be removed - thought will answer thought, and we shall have our strength renewed, and experience a victory to be gained over the enemy of our souls peace.

As we are thus concerned humbly to dedicate ourselves to the service of our Creator, all will be given us that we need of the things of this world, in accordance with the comforting promise, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all things necessary shall be added thereto." We have been encouraged by the instructive lesson, in a time of great famine and distress in Israel, when a poor widow was gathering sticks to go and dress the only handful of meal that remained in the barrel, and the little oil left in the cruse, that she and her son might eat it and die. The Prophet said unto her "Fear not, make me a little cake first," as an offering to the Lord, "for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth". So it was shown that if it was our constant and humble concern to serve the Lord first, it shall be with us as it was with the widows in Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, nor the cruse of oil fail.

As our minds are gathered home to the foundation upon which we profess to rest our hope, how careful shall we be not to place ourselves in a position in which we shall feel trammelled in the performance of our religious duties. When love to all comes to predominate in our hearts, and obedience to its pointings & requisitions to be observed, we shall be enabled to understand the links of that chain which reaches from earth to heaven, and thus all our members both old and young, will witness preservation from those contaminating influences that so hurtfully surround us, among which may be numbered the many pernicious publications of the day.

These are manifestly the offspring of an undisciplined imagination, having no relation to the realities of life, but rather, by giving a glowing and artificial representation of things, creating a disgust for that which is true. Hence we find, that those who permit their minds to become enticed by these deluding publications, feel less and less relish for the sublime truths of the Gospel, and neglect to their great loss, the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures.

By the Reports from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed of the removal during the past year, of an unusually large number of Ministers & Elders from works to rewards, the consideration of which has brought our minds into a state of deep solemnity, with fervent desires, that we may have our lamps burning when summoned to meet the Bridegroom of Souls. This can only be achieved by striving against all evil, and being obedient to the teachings of Divine Grace. As we abide in this humble, watchful, frame of mind, we shall come to witness the love of God abounding over all in our hearts, and while looking forward to the close of life with the hope of enjoying a blessed immortality, we shall be able to adopt the language of the Apostle:- "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. - I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all them that love His appearing."

Memorials for our deceased friends Thomas Moore, W^m Stabler, Mary Stabler, and Sarah S. Jarney, received from the Meeting for Sufferings were now read, and directed to be returned to that meeting, recorded, and also to be printed in our Extracts.

The Committee appointed at last sitting, produced the following Report, which was united with by this meeting, viz:-
"The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the unpaid part of the quota of the Yearly Meeting's Stock, as contained in the report from Centre Quarterly Meeting, report, That after a full & free conference, they are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting, that further time be allowed to the Friends of that Quarter, to pay the balance due by them of the quota directed to be raised last year."

On behalf of the Committee, Richard H. Townsend
The Clerk was directed to furnish Centre Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.