

all our social, civil, and religious duties, will thereby increase, and thus we shall come to know that the Second Commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," is like unto the first, and that upon these two commandments, hang all the law and the Prophets, embracing every minor obligation which devolves upon us. As we become thus rightly concerned on our own account, the desire to promote the true interests and welfare of our families and neighbors will be felt, and our desires increase that they also may become partakers at the beautiful table spread in that banqueting house where the banner over us is love."

We have never been favored to see with greater clearness than on the present occasion, that "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." The language has been proclaimed us, "God is Love," and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God and God in him."

While the heart is under the blessed influence of this divine principle, there can be no tale-bearing or detraction; no wars or oppressions of any kind; no injustice, or any thing that would, in the least degree, injure any one, or render him unhappy; but on the contrary, there would be continual patience, gentleness, forbearance, meekness, and all those heavenly virtues, the practice of which so greatly ennobles man, and, by rendering his creatures happy, brings glory to the great Creator. "Let your light so shine before men, that others, seeing your good works may," by corresponding actions, glorify our Father, who is in heaven." It is an interesting truth, that we have it continually in our power to bring glory to God by increasing the happiness of His creatures. He is in want of nothing. We can add nothing to His happiness. In His unbounded love and goodness, He created man for man's own enjoyment; and when we dwell in love, in innocence, and in purity, as we thereby experience the greatest amount of happiness ourselves, and contribute most to the happiness of those around us, we fulfil, to the greatest degree, the object of our creation, and bring the highest glory and honor to the Author of our existence.

But, like His good gifts in the outward, this Love must be labored for and cultivated. We must desire and ask before we can obtain. The injunction is, "Ask, and ye shall receive." But we must ask in faith, and faith without works is dead." So we should continually labor to keep self in subjection: to regard ourselves less and others more; to dwell in humility and in meekness, and endeavor to entertain none other than feelings of kindness and charity towards all the family of man, and never say aught that is disparaging, or to the disadvantage of any one; then, by such labor, will the heart become gradually filled with that Love that breathes glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good-will to men."

A concern for the guarded religious education of youth has been impressively revived in this in this Meeting. To watch the opening faculties of the mind, to guard it against the blighting effects of evil communications, and to foster in it every germ of goodness implanted by the Author of our being, should be the constant effort of parental care and is, when rightly performed, capable of yielding a rich harvest of spiritual enjoyment.

We believe the infant mind comes pure from the hand of its Creator, but is possessed of desires and propensities that will lead to evil, if not subjected to the restraining and regenerating influence of divine grace, which is offered to the acceptance of all. How important, then, that it should be kept as "a garden enclosed," and that every plant of the Heavenly Father's planting should be protected and preserved.

The reading of pernicious publications is, in this age, a fruitful source of evil, and requires the exercise of judicious care on the part of parents and guardians. As a means or means of their preservation and improvement, the selection of instructive reading for the young, and the supply of suitable books for Friends' families, was recommended to the individual care of our members.

The reading of the Holy Scriptures with an humble reliance upon divine aid for an understanding of the blessed truths they contain, is felt to be a subject of deep religious concern.