

B62 to himself the prerogative of acting immediately upon every individual soul, and imparting to it that "grace which bringeth salvation". All that we can do, one for another, is to invite attention to that inspeaking word with which all hearts are favored, and try to induce obedience to its teachings. This is the deep concern of the Committee in regard to you at this time. They wish you to "hear and obey, that your souls may live". In earnestness of affection they admonish you to endeavor after a closer daily walk with God, that you may experience the comforting influence of His Holy Presence, and the clothing of the heart with love, charity and kindness towards every human being. When favored with this spirit, we will remember how frail and fallible we ourselves are, and, under the humbling conviction thereby induced, instead of holding up to view the errors, faults, or shortcomings of others, we will be willing and desirous to cast the mantle of charity over their imperfections, and petition the Father of Spirits, to strengthen them and us in our weakness.

The yearly meeting, and we, its representatives, feel a deep interest in your best welfare. We regard the right of membership, and the privileges, social and religious, therewith connected, of great value, and we ardently crave that they may be lost to none of you. In this, it is your good we seek. We wish you to reflect upon these privileges, and learn to appreciate them, and instructively remember, that one, in olden time, when he had parted with his birth-right for a mess of pottage, implored a blessing with tears, and could not obtain it. The good gifts of Providence are easily lost, but they are hard to regain; and we desire to extend a word of admonition and warning to every one, to hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown, and keep continually on the watch which is the alone place of safety.

You will see by the Minutes of Monakton Monthly Meeting, and of Warrington Quarterly Meeting herewith appended, the affectionate interest felt by those meetings

towards you. They are willing to receive you as with open arms. We are requested by the Quarterly Meeting to express to you, on its behalf, an affectionate desire, that you may come, and again mingle with them in social and religious communion. The Friends of Monakton Monthly Meeting are entirely willing, that that Monthly Meeting under certain reasonable conditions, shall be occasionally held at Warrington and Newberry.

Now, dear Friends, the way for you seems to be fairly and plainly open. But there is a work for you all, individually to do. This will be somewhat harder now, from its having been neglected of latter times. But you are entirely equal to the undertaking. All that is needed is a firmness and determination of purpose, with an humble reliance for the blessing of Providence on your endeavors, which will never be withheld from those who humbly ask it of Him, and faithfully put their trust in Him. Be diligent in the attendance of all your meetings, and when gathered, wrestle for the blessings, like Jacob of old, when he said to the angel, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me" and it will be received now, as it was by him, for God is the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

In affectionate admonition, dear Friends, let us exhort you, not to look back at what you think has been wrong in others; you will gain no spiritual strength thereby, but may lose much. Look forward with trust and hope; and this will inspire you with a cheerful confidence, in which you will say, in the language of conduct, "come brother, come sister, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the House of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for His ways are ways of pleasantness, and all His paths are peace."

We would encourage each individual, too, to come to the wise conclusion, with good old Joshua, "Let others do as they may, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."