

following subject was proposed for consideration:
"Is it desirable that all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in the world should adopt one declaration of Christian doctrine?"

The Conference gave an affirmative answer to this question. While the Holy Scripture must ever be the outward test of our faith and doctrine, men differ in their interpretation of them.

It was considered desirable that some method should be taken to form a common declaration of fundamental doctrine, which might prevent the tendency towards disintegration of the Society. The various Yearly Meetings have issued their own declarations on this subject, which are in substantial agreement; but it was deemed to be for the benefit of the Society at large, that a simple statement of the doctrine professed by us should be drawn up, which might form an expression of the faith which we hold in common.

At a subsequent sitting a committee was appointed to prepare such a declaration. This was afterwards submitted and was approved by the Conference, and is sent to the Yearly Meetings for their consideration and adoption.

The next subject claiming the attention of the Conference was the question: "What is the mission of the Society of Friends; what is its message to the world; and how can we best fulfil and declare them?"

It was felt that as a part of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ we have a share in the great mission which is contained in the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." It was further acknowledged that, whilst in common with our fellow-Christians we have to proclaim the fundamental truths of the Gospel, fully accepting the historical record of all that our Saviour did and suffered; his birth, his teachings, his holy life, his death for the sake of the world, his resurrection and ascension; we have to testify to the practical realization of these truths in our experience, and to the duty of carrying out in our daily life all that belongs to their spiritual application.

Our testimony to the Headship of Christ over his Church, to the freedom of the Gospel ministry, and the bestowing of the gifts of the Spirit upon men and women in our congregation apart from any ordination by man; to the simplicity of Divine worship as opposed to ritualism; the true meaning of baptism and the supper as opposed to all dependence upon outward forms and ceremonies; our conviction of the utter inconsistency of all war with the teaching of Christ, and other kindred subjects, were referred to, and accepted as the voice of the Conference. These truths are needed by the world, and should be carried into all the reforms of the day, as an energizing, purifying influence, which shall tend to the glory of God, and the blessing of the world. The Conference then turned upon the consideration of the third question;

"It is desirable that there should be a union of the American Yearly Meeting in Foreign Mission work?" An affirmative answer was the result of the discussion of this question; and it was concluded that it is desirable to have an annual board of missions, whose actions would unify the efforts now put forth by the different Yearly Meetings, and enable them to work more wisely and efficiently. The different objects interesting the separate organizations might still be pursued, but as there is strength in union, it was recommended that one general association should be formed as soon as practicable.

The fourth subject brought before the Conference was: "Meetings for Worship, and the Method of conducting them."

We reverently and thankfully accept the teaching of our blessed Lord, that "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Upon this is based the expression of George Fox, "Hold all your Meetings in the power of God."

While the requirements of various places may differ, it was the opinion of the Conference that to-day, as of old, the guidance of the Head of the Church should be sought by those assembled, waiting upon