

writing, as well, adapted to the needs of this generation as theirs were to the age in which they lived. But true unity does not exist only in agreement of opinion, for there is no true unity out of Christ. It is very possible for a man to hold correct views on most points, and yet fail in the great essential of daily living. It is the life lived with Christ in God, the daily following of His guidance, exercising the gifts that He has given, that will make our Christian life a blessing to those around us. Let us be very careful how we claim that the views we hold as individuals are absolutely correct. We can but testify to that which we through the Spirit, have seen and heard: but we are ever to advance to greater and greater knowledge.

Our meetings for worship give liberty for the exercise of the gifts of all those who have been called in them to give vocal utterance of any kind. Let us be careful that this liberty be not interfered with, either by anyone person being given or assuming control of a meeting, or by allowing a prejudice to take possession of our minds that only a certain kind of vocal service by persons in official position in the meeting is to be expected. The first buddings of life are easily checked, and where a meeting allows any right exercise to be interfered with, it ceases to be a true "Friends' Meeting."

"Where there are three, there is a Church." The only form of worship that has received the express sanction of our Redeemer, is described by Himself in the words "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." If, when we are gathered together, we really wait for and rest under the ability that God giveth, none of our meetings will be without a living and powerful Ministry: for Christ has conquered, and in His power we also shall be made victorious. Let us beware of holding our meetings on any other basis than that of direct dependence upon His guidance and power. Pre-arrangement of services, however expedient it may seem is a dangerous limitation of the freedom of the Spirit. Let us come to the meeting in joyful dependence upon the Lord, and as His hand is laid upon one and another in the congregation, and each responds to His touch, the meeting will be held to the glory of God, and to the winning of souls. The Lord has a special place and work for each. How are we filling the position He has given to us? The development of Christian character is a work of time. It is therefore most important that we should at all stages of our experience be faithful to the will of the Lord. Unfaithfulness to day will mar our fitness

for the work of to-morrow.

Let us not judge of the importance of obedience by the apparent importance of the service to which we have been called. Our circle is just as perfect as another. Its perfection depends in no degree upon its size. So it is with our service in the name of the Lord. If we but fill the circle that He gives us, we shall be made the greatest possible blessing. As we follow Christ in service, we shall have more and more of His character reproduced in ourselves, and we shall have His strength and tenderness: not strength without tenderness, for that were cruelty: nor tenderness without strength, for that were weakness, but strength and tenderness, so that we shall be able to sympathize with the weak and with those who need our aid.

We are not to be satisfied with loving those about us with the natural affection we have for our friends. We are to know in our hearts the love of God which has been shown to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. He loves all men: the evil, as well as the good, and we also, as we come into the image of His Son, are to know a love that reaches out to those who in themselves appear to be unworthy, of whatever nationality, condition of life, or color they may be. It is as we are able thus to love, that we shall have the power of Christ to draw souls unto Him.

Finally, let us be filled with His Spirit, that we may come into that experience where we know Him, not only by the written history, but by the personal revelation of the Holy Spirit. Unbelief is attacking the truth of God on all sides, but the power of God is the hope of the Church. Let us be so yielded to Him as individuals, that His power may abide in us: that we seeing Him as He is, and partaking of His Spirit, may be enabled to show to those about us His beauty, who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Signed by direction and in behalf of the Meeting
Joseph P. Elliott. Clerk

64 We were informed that our dear friend Julia Latimer is somewhat better this morning and wishes to express to the many friends who have been so kind in asking after her, her warm appreciation of their sympathy and prayers, and her earnest desire that the Lord's blessing may rest upon them all, and that they may go forward this coming year to every good word and work.

The words were very grateful to us, and the