

our Lord, whose love for souls is so intense, will lead us into quietism or inaction. Some speak of the failure of Quakerism who fail to be true Friends themselves.

The Church is a body with a head, Christ Jesus, and a free Gospel ministry, is known where all are free to offer themselves, and do offer themselves to Him for service.

Such meetings would be a living testimony to the power of the present Lord, and those that minister would speak, baptizing the hearers into oneness with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first requisite of true service is consecration. The history of our Church is the history of the individual faithfulness of its members. The exercise of the various gifts, which we believe all are intended to receive and occupy, has enabled Friends in the past to adorn the doctrine of Christ our Savior, and to win souls unto Him, and in this, consecrated and gifted women have always taken an important part.

Put yourselves into the Lord's hands - expect the power to be divine power - so will the Spirit of the Lord come upon you, and you shall say when called to any service, "I can speak," "I can

do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The walls of Jerusalem were built in Nehemiah's time, because the people had a mind to work.

We have been cemented together in love, by the Lord's dealings with us as a Church. In our unity is our strength. Let us continue to work together, and may His blessing rest upon the labor of the coming year.

The gift of prophecy is a distinct legacy to the Church from our ascended Lord, which should not be lost sight of in our day. He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting (or more literally, the thorough equipping) of the saints, in order to the work of the ministry, and in order to the edifying of the body of Christ. Not that there should be in the Church a few teachers and many learners, but that all should come to such a knowledge of the Son of God that each might be thoroughly equipped to hand forth the word of truth to those around them.

An accurate knowledge of the words of Scripture is very important. All should study to show themselves approved unto God,