

the children. Remember dear mothers that you will have them as little children ^{at} once. We can have no higher or more important service for the Lord than training them in His love and fear.

So the suffering we would say in the words of one who has herself known suffering.

Here, and here alone,

To given thee to suffer for God's sake,
In other words we shall more perfectly
Serve Him and love Him, praise Him, work for Him,
Grow near and nearer Him with all delight,
But then we shall not any more be called
To suffer which is our appointment here;
Canst thou not suffer then one hour, or two?"

The Lord in His dealings with His children often proves their allegiance to Him by testing them by suffering and affliction. When we can say "yes Lord" under all circumstances, He can use us to convey blessings to others even though we may be cut off from opportunities of active usefulness, or even laid upon a bed of sickness.

You will be interested in knowing that the remainder of this epistle is the concern

of the Yearly Meeting which has been embodied by the Committee on Correspondence and added to most of the Epistles sent to the other Yearly Meetings. The inestimable value of our testimony to the spiritual state of the religion of Christ and the spiritual priesthood of all believers, has been perhaps more deeply realized among us at this time than ever before; and we have felt a fresh impressed with the importance of bearing faithful witness to these truths wherever the Lord may give the opportunity. The Lord Jesus Christ must be in reality, as well as in name, the Head of ~~this~~ Church, or disorder and confusion will result. If the believers in every assembly, whether they be few or many would look to Him with confident expectation, there would be no lack of living ministry in their midst. True dependence upon the Lord Jesus could not lead to closed lips and folded hands from week to week, for ever. If the spirit of God is allowed free course, there would be aggressive work, and blessed results in the conversion of souls, and the building up of believers.