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Answers was presented and read.

It was directed to be laid before the Yearly Meeting. It is as follows:

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Let us be very careful as we go forward in the service of Christ, not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. Even the cherubim veil their faces in the presence of the Lord. It is only as we come near to Him that we learn our true weakness and unworthiness. As it is impossible for a man who walks through underbrush in a valley to obtain a correct view of the configuration of the country about him, so is it impossible for any Christian who walks near the world to understand either himself or his surroundings according to the true light of God. As we must ascend to some height, if we would see the landscape in its true proportions, so, to be able to judge of things from God's standpoint, which is the only true one, we must come close to Him. It is only there that we understand that we are nothing, that the

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Praise of man is nothing, and that if we are to be made use of by Him in His own way, it must be by the path of self-surrender and abnegation. Dear Friends, it is not everyone that says "Lord, Lord," not every religious worker, not everyone interested in charitable institutions, not every preacher that shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. It is he that does the will of our Father, who is in Heaven. Let us therefore not be content with apparent success in our Christian efforts, but first of all seek to know, and to put into daily practice, the will of God. Let us come into communion with Him, and in this spirit go forward to our labor. Living with God, and learning to think rightly of Him, and about ourselves, we shall learn to think rightly about one another, and become more and more careful about the reputation of others, more and more gentle towards their failings, remembering ourselves lest we also be tempted. We shall thus find ourselves praying for, rather than blaming,