

ing Himself in the midst. And if whilst thus gathered in the name of the Lord, He puts it into the heart of any of His children to confess Him in the Congregation, to speak well of His name, to proclaim His Gospel, or to offer vocal prayer or thanksgiving, we give them full liberty,—(see Discipline, page 59, article "Gospel Ministry.")

As we thus are enabled to hold our solemn meetings for worship, they are a living testimony to our belief in our risen Lord, to His Headship in His Church, to His Mediation, to His Priesthood, to His felt presence amongst His waiting children, and to the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Blessing and honor be unto His name for ever.

For an account of the establishment and object of our Meetings for Discipline, we refer to the Book of Discipline, (see page 9.) In these, we also meet as Brethren associated together, as Geo. Fox declares, for the promotion of charity and piety. To the Monthly Meeting is largely delegated the executive power of the Church, and upon its healthful condition depends in great measure that of the Quarterly Meetings and the Yearly Meeting. Whilst other Christians delegate the administration of their Church Discipline to a representative and select body, we exclude none from participation in it. Why then are we obliged, month after month, to mourn that so few of our members are found attending the Monthly Meeting, thus manifesting little interest in supporting a Church they profess to love, and weakening its advocacy of the doctrines and testimonies which have been prominently upheld by us as a people? We entreat you to consider your duty in this respect. Can you be satisfied with the name of belonging to a Christian Church, whilst you are neglecting to give to it an earnest support? Is not the very fact that you fail in this respect ground for serious alarm? Can it be that the world has so great a hold upon you, that you have no time to attend your religious meetings, except when it would be indecorous to stay away? Can it be that you care so little for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom upon earth, that you are willing to let the religious Society of which

1 Jno. iii, 14. you are members languish for want of your co-operation? Would not love for the Saviour
Heb. x, 25. make us love the Brethren, and cause us not to forsake the "assembling of ourselves together?"

Whilst thus urging the importance of the attendance of all our meetings, we realize that no prejudice in favor of Quakerism, no respect for the opinions of our Fathers, no mere outward observances can fit us to be Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, or give us that peace for which our souls long. Satan will strive to make us rest in these things, and will flatter us with the delusion that we are safe. But, dear Friends, we entreat you not to be deceived; "except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." There is no safety, even to the moral and upright, if they have not fled for refuge to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." We would earnestly exhort each member of our Meeting to examine into his true condition. Our Lord hath said, "If ye die in your sins, whither I go ye can not come;" but the gracious invitation is, "Look unto me all ye ends of the earth, and be saved." The Holy Spirit is drawing you, delay no longer to go unto Jesus.

We believe that there are not a few of our members who have at times a hope that their sins are pardoned, and who are ready to cry, "Abba Father." To such we would say, be ye steadfast in the faith, and delay not to confess your Lord openly, for He hath said, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in Heaven." And upon your faithfulness in this respect, will greatly depend both your own peace and your usefulness in the Church.

May those amongst us, who have long loved and desired to serve their Master, be strong in Him, and in the power of his might, putting on "the whole armor of God, be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil, and having done all to stand."

We rejoice to believe that upon many of you, dear young Friends, the Lord's hand has been laid. We earnestly desire, that early dedicating yourselves to your Saviour, you may escape many of the pollutions that are in the world, through sin, and faithfully following and serving Him, find that peace which the world cannot give nor take away.

May the simple order of our Church, which leads away from dependance upon man, to reliance upon our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which points to Him alone, not only for pardon, but for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and for true Spiritual Communion, be increasingly valued by us all; and may the Lord himself build us up a Spiritual house, to offer Spiritual sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto Him, by Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Signed by direction, on behalf of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, held 4th month, 5th, 1866.

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