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As the world progresses religion progresses. Truth is shining out clearer and clearer as science and knowledge and the Inner Light add to the luminousness. From an idolatrous worship of wood and stone mankind placed a dependence in a fellow man and the organized Church, Luther broke away to trust in the Bible and justification by faith alone; from a trust in the Bible, Geo Fox exhorted us to "Mind the Light."

Perhaps the light that Fox alluded to is sufficiently bright for our own weak eyes, but in this age of scepticism (I trust for the most part reverent scepticism), in this age that demands the "why" of things and especially of faiths and beliefs, may we not ask, Why did

men worship wood and stone? why did they put their trust in fellow man? or the Church? or the Bible? and as reverently, why do we think it desirable to trust in the Inner Light? Shall Friends do it because the founder of our Society exhorted us to, or even because we esteem it to be the very voice of God? Does this reason satisfy us? Let us ask our own judgment, our own souls, and give, at some future time, the answer we receive.

This will be something to think about, to write about, and may, happily, result in a higher conception and practice of life.

Subscriptions to YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW for 1895 are coming in quite satisfactorily, even more promptly than usual, and with the renewals come many new names. This is encouraging. A little effort on the part of each of our readers would easily place the REVIEW in a position of much greater influence. We are always pleased to send extra copies to any who may use them in their efforts to raise clubs. Just drop us a card stating your needs. Here is an instance of what may be done with a little effort: A Friend in Ohio wrote us near the close of the year to "Please discontinue the REVIEW to her for the present." With a few kindly words from us she changed her decision, gained four new subscribers to the REVIEW, and remained upon our list of readers herself. In how many neighborhoods of Friends could just such results be achieved by a little effort. Try it reader. With the numerous letters and cards which we receive at this time of the year, the many kindly words spoken for the REVIEW unite with the subscriptions in giving cheer and encouragement in the work. E. A. B., Macedon Centre, N. Y., says: "Please do not stop my paper. I am getting up a club, and hope to forward it soon. Cannot afford to miss even one number of the REVIEW, which is read with increasing interest." M. T., Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "Regret having