

each one of us would do something." There it was again, the "whatsoever." Those words they just would stay, hence these few lines concerning the ministry.

In the first place I was curious to know the dictionary definition, and found that ministry meant ecclesiastical profession, and that ecclesiastical meant pertaining to the church, and that profession meant employment, vocation, &c., therefore "ministry," according to the dictionary, was employment pertaining to the church. This explanation was not fully satisfactory, so we turn to the few solemn words found in the Book of Discipline, and read :

"As it is by the immediate teaching and influence of the Holy Spirit that acceptable worship is performed and gospel ministry brought forth ; as this powerful influence is the essential qualification for the work, and as the gift is divine the service is freely and faithfully to be performed without any view to reward from man, agreeably to the express command of Jesus, "Freely ye have received, freely give," Matt. 10 : 8.

Surely that was plain enough, first to be baptized and in close communion with the Holy Spirit, and then "Whatsoever he saith to you do it."

Friends' authority for the belief of the spiritual calling of the ministry, and the non-theological training, *might be founded* on the words of Jesus, Matt. 10 : 19-20, "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak ; for it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you "

Sunderland P. Gardner, says, "Nothing short of the Spirit of God and the command of Jesus Christ can enable any man to preach the gospel livingly." We frequently hear reference to an educated ministry. This says nothing against that. We, if I mistake not, all of us, listen with pleasure to the nicely rounded

sentences of the educated man, nevertheless culture alone will not suffice, he must have the gift divine. Persevering in duty and watchfulness, dwelling "in that light which gives ability to labor successfully in the church of Christ, adorning the doctrine they deliver to others, by being good examples in deed, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity of life." To live so close to the Master they can say :

"Made for Thyself, O God !
Made for Thy love, Thy service, Thy
delight ;
Made to show forth Thy wisdom, grace
and might."

GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN.

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Speaking for the last time at the meeting of the Society of Friends in the Athenaeum yesterday morning J. J. Cornell, of Baltimore, who has spoken every Sunday during the summer, selected as his subject "The Love of God."

There was the usual cheery hand-shaking and exchange of greetings on the part of the congregation as they gathered, and then followed the usual silence for some ten minutes, which was made the more marked by the distant thrumming of a guitar in one of the art studios, and the beating of drums by a passing procession of the Salvation Army.

The speaker, a white-haired old gentleman of benevolent mien, began without taking any text, and for the first half hour talked in a general way on God's love to man, and the wrong opinion of some that fear was to be felt for him. And then he went on in substance as follows, holding the very close attention of his hearers :

With these remarks as preliminary I want to call your attention to one of