

generally taken, to the spiritual needs for the moral elevation; and those services may arise at home for his or her own meeting; or what is oftener the case for him or her self and when the utterance is given proves its application and use and there ceases.

This person may have been as truly 'called' as any ever was. But of course any true service well rendered may open the way for more, more extended and greater. But, as the 'call' to service must arise with the individual, so must the responsibility rest there mainly, for Friends can scarcely ever fully and at once endorse all of any one's sayings, and the higher conceptions of truth by some must in time be made plain to others.

But if the service extends to other meetings and neighborhoods, he or she must still stand by and be responsible for their 'calling,' concern, and labors, within the limits of their quarterly meeting, wherein does his acquaintance extend and his present liberty. No use or need of formal acknowledgment or recommending; the world this far his home, his brethren and his friends all mankind, his life and character his outside support.

But now the conditions and circumstances may change somewhat. If the person has given proof thus far of services worthily conceived, and faithfully rendered, and there arises with him further religious concerns, and he wishes to extend his labors beyond the limits of his quarterly meeting and within the limits of the yearly meeting, let the concern be presented to the overseers, and if taken favorably, presented by them to his monthly meeting, wherein it is to be freely, but weightily considered without prejudice. The person whose concern is under consideration not being present. And if no well founded objections against his general hearing and moral character as a member of society in good standing are brought forward, and proof of a suitable qualification (perhaps most

persons would like better the use of Divine qualification) has appeared, the meeting may have issued to him (or her) a minute setting at liberty to labor under the concern as truth and wisdom directs. And this then will be a formal acknowledgment and a limited recommendation. And likewise if the concern extends beyond the yearly meeting let the quarterly meeting issue a minute of indorsement, and this may be limited or not in the discretion of the meeting.

This would remove all appearances of separating into classes, and would, I believe, better meet the present needs, demands and wishes of the Society, and would enable the avoidance of some of the present difficulties and seeming embarrassments which so much hinders our progress in the development of an efficient ministry and Society's usefulness.

Observation and experience bears evidence to the fact that we need new forms and appearances to awaken thought—for a change of surroundings produces new feelings, out of which grows new and fresh thoughts, and the expression of feelings and thoughts again create feelings, hope, life, and thus we grow, without which we decay.

And now, if we may not put new wine into old bottles, we may perhaps assist in filling old vessels with new and fresh water from the stream of life which flows from the everlasting Fountain.

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