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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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DO IT!

Do your duty bravely,
You will never rue it !
If you have a weary task
Go to work and do it !

Life is full of sunshine
If you only knew it—
Strive to find your duty clear
Then go to work and do it !

Fill your heart with love,
By the wayside strew it !
Joy will crown your work at last
If you gladly do it !

Labor with a will !
Indolence—eschew it !
Make your life a useful one,
Go to work and do it !

—HARRIET FRANCENE CROCKER.

DISCOURSE.

BY JOHN J. CORNELL AT A "YOUNG
PEOPLE'S MEETING" HELD IN THE
MEETING-HOUSE AT COLD-
STREAM, 2ND MO.
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Reported by E. M. Z.

I wish to have a talk in regard to the principles and testimonies of the Society of Friends. From the repeated inquiries as to what are the testimonies of Friends I am led to believe that the Society in the past has been derelict in its manner of presenting them, and reasons for them, to the younger members. I will endeavor to-night to touch upon some of our principles, giving reasons for holding them, and you are invited to ask for any further information you wish, and I will answer as best I know.

It is well known that our fundamental principle is a belief in "Immediate Revelation," *i. e.* that God imparts, by

His spirit to the soul of man, a knowledge by which he may attain to, and perfect his happiness, whether in the present or future life. To the young mind, revelation seems very mysterious; they look upon it as something supernatural; that it brings with it a great overturning in their religious experience; something out of the ordinary course of human acts. But rightly understood it is perfectly natural. It is just as natural as any other of the laws that regulate our being. It was ordained in the beginning to the end that man might know right from wrong.

A child is first under the direction of parents, or of teachers. It is their duty to instruct it in matters of right and wrong. This relates mainly to the moral conduct. But there comes a time when the child is advanced so far that it is fitted for the reception of right and wrong from some other source. Right and wrong are not positive terms. Right for one individual may be wrong for another. Something may be right for the parent but wrong for the child. Then steps in the higher teacher. The Father's will is made known to each individual through immediate revelation which unfolds to each their respective duty. Thus we are to be governed by the right and wrong manifested within ourselves. In this Friends differ from others. They point to the Bible and say study it, and find there our duty and all that it is necessary for us to know. It is held by many that revelation has ceased; and yet they will hardly allow it when brought face to face with the question. I have often noticed, when speaking in churches, the minister present would ask in prayer that the spirit of God might qualify the speaker to speak to