

care. We may ask how do we know when we are acting right under all circumstances. Now we want that which is experimental, and can be known by the actor or doer. So each one must experimentally practice the principle of kindness towards all with which he or she may have to do with, for this is God's law, as also exemplified by the blessed Jesus, who was so filled with this holy power, that he was enabled to go about doing His Father's will in every particular, and He is called the vine, and those who are influenced by the same are the branches partaking of the same nature as the vine, and so becoming heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; and as our Heavenly Father intends for us to be happy when doing well, we find our happiness established by acting out the principle above alluded to, which will enable us to do well, which, if we do, we shall be accepted, but if thou doest not well sin lieth at the door. So by good acting we enjoy life here, and have a well grounded hope of a happy reward when done with time. Some would call this the light, as it shows us the way in which to go acceptably to God and man.

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"A MEETING WITHOUT A MINISTER."

I was pleased to read an account, given through the REVIEW, by one of our sister Friends, of the Half-year's Meeting at Pelham. It appears without a minister their minds were turned to the fountain source of light and knowledge whence all good comes, and it would appear they lacked nothing. As there was no doubt a bringing forth out of the treasury, both new and old, supplying spiritual wants and necessities. And let me say here if there is any one testimony more than another needed of a Society, or a people professing as we do, it is to be an example to the world that we do not

need a man-made ministry, or one taught in the theologies of the day, nor of former days; but we want a ministry based upon revelations made known to the age in which we live and have our being, although there is much in the past which bears evidence of the same divine enlightening influence. It is not enough for us to rest our faith and hopes upon the past. There are, it appears to me, too many bearing the name of Friends, whose minds are too much placed upon the minister and what he is saying or doing, to the neglect of their own particular gifts and callings. Some appear to feel they can hardly bury their friends or hold a meeting for worship without the especial service of a minister to conduct the meeting. Now, if this is the Friend I have not so learned it. The ministry is all right, no doubt, in its place, but we need to come away from this undue dependence upon man, if we will be Friends living under that dispensation by which God becomes teacher of His people Himself. And when we thus become instructed there will be no lack in the line of the ministry. There will be those raised up bearing testimony to the workings of the Divine Spirit under whose influence we will find there is ability to worship in spirit and occupy our respective gifts and callings. Some may have words of exhortation to communicate. Some may be engaged in silent prayer or praise. There need be no idlers in the Lord's house, and we will become satisfied that God is doing his work when we are correspondingly doing ours and have no other gods before Him. Let me simply add, for I wish to be brief, that it appears to me there is nothing more needed of us as a people than to show to the world that we are satisfied with our principles, and that there is a life-sustaining power that enables us to work out our salvation without feeling that we have anything more to boast of than belongs to the whole human race, for it is by His mercy that we are saved by the wash-