

ticed. This condition we are commanded to seek first, for the kingdom of heaven consists of righteousness, joy and peace, and is likened to a grain of mustard seed, which is one of the smallest of seeds, and which implies a growth. We should endeavor to encourage this growth in righteousness so that we may thereby attain to the kingdom of heaven, which we are commanded to seek first, whilst in this life or state of being, and this too without any written law, the light of the Spirit of Christ illuminating the way. He has declared that "He is the way, the truth, and the life, and no man cometh to the Father but by him." Creeds, forms and ceremonies are not mentioned as necessary, and the Christ within, the power of God, and the wisdom of God, is all-sufficient, and no man cometh unto the Father but by him; and so when we are all controlled by this benign and heavenly influence will we experience our prayer realized when we say "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

ANONYMOUS.

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### THE VINE.

Jesus said: "I am the vine and ye are the branches." Is it not just as necessary now as at any day and age of the world to individually examine ourselves and see if we are living branches, or are we floating off in the popular current of the day and, like the withered fig tree, producing no fruit? George Fox could not feel right to float along with the tide, and by obeying the dictates of conscience, or the promptings of the Divine Father, what a change was wrought in the religious world. Among the thinking class, he no doubt felt he was treading the wine press alone; but his fame has spread world-wide, and been handed down through generations to the present time, and will be lapsed on to future generations, and we have religiously been reaping the fruit of his struggle

and toil. See how it was with the meek and lowly Jesus, our more holy patron. He went among the poor and illiterate fishermen, opening the eyes of those who were spiritually blind, and strengthening those that were spiritually lame, that they might walk in the paths of purity. And can we find it recorded that He ever took money for any of his great or miraculous deeds? But He "overthrew the tables of the money changers and them that sold doves, and made His house a den of thieves." "What doth it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose their own soul?" What are all earthly treasures in a trying hour compared to peace with God, and the fadeless treasures of heavenly joy! Where is the standing of our State officials, temperance lecturers, etc., who fail to reform mankind charging \$100 a night. Is this selfish, to rob, as it were, the pockets of the poor to put dollars and dimes in their own pockets? When they come inspired by the same power that Jesus was for the good of humanity then will they be owned by the Father, and be rewarded, for he is a rich rewarder to all the obedient ones. "Obey my voice and thy soul shall live." "Seek first the kingdom of heaven, and all things necessary will be added." What a kind Father to supply all our needs. M.

Salem, Ohio.

David Newport writes us that Abington (Pa.) Monthly Meeting has been held on the last Second-day in each month for 211 years.

An ordinance in Waldeck, Germany, forbids the granting of a marriage license to a person addicted to the liquor habit.

A memorial meeting, out of respect to Edith A. Mills, deceased, was held at the Illinois Yearly Meeting on Seventh-day afternoon, the 5th of 1st mo., under the auspices of the Magnolia Centre W. C. T. U.