

hearts have been questioning of Scriptures. I am always sorry to hear them referred to in this manner before minds. They say they are inconsistent, they cannot understand them ; they do not think the Lord would require such thing of men. Dear people, I want us to get away from this speculative, imaginary condition of the human heart—it is unsound ground. If we come to understand Christ in His spiritual mission as I have attempted to represent it, it will do away with these things, and that which we cannot understand we are willing to leave alone. Because it has no application to us should not make it subject to censure ; it may be applicable to some one else. Many men undervalue these sacred truths, but we cannot fully realize them in all their beauty until we know something of the Spirit of Christ. Therefore let Christ come in with His spiritual power and assume the government of our lives and we will find Him a wonderful Counsellor. Let Him come in special visitations to you, and you will find a child immortal born in the soul, and governing all your actions. My friends, I want us to so appreciate and understand this mission of the Son of God that we will no longer question why these requirements are made of us, but be willing to do our work at any time, and that our hearts may be so overwhelmed with the spiritual knowledge that we will be willing to obey. Then we will enjoy the rich blessings of God here, with faith and trusting confidence that the future will be with God. I want the religion of Jesus Christ to be carried out in every day life. Early or later in life you may be converted to this divine principle, and by practical lives of righteousness you will be like stars in God's firmament. I want you to live that you will know that Jesus is the truth and the life, and there will be nothing wonderful or strange when the time comes that we touch the hand of the Son of God himself. Let not discouragements turn

you back ; but bring home this Christ-given power and make it the ever-ruling, all-inspiring, illuminating principle of the heart. And now just a few words for those in the youthful walks of life by way of encouragement. If my Heavenly Father had revealed to me when fifteen years of age that I would have occupied this position, my nature would have rebelled and shrunk from it. But, dear friends, see how He has been leading gently along, overcoming little by little, until we are led to stand before you as a monument to His mercy. Wherever your Father in His Divine and spiritual influence is found, there for God's sake and the sake of Heaven and your own souls, follow that leading, and he will lead you home into a condition of Heavenly enjoyment and rich spiritual peace ; and when you die you will remain with Him in glory. That is the prayer of your brother. Let us walk in the paths of righteousness as directed and ordered by the Lord in all things.

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#### PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING.

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We are indebted to the *Intelligencer and Journal* for most of the information contained in the following :

“Among those in attendance were Isaac Wilson, of Canada ; Thomas Foulke and Isaac Hicks, of New York Yearly Meeting, and Joseph M. Spencer, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. All the meetings for worship were seasons of spiritual refreshment. The labors of ministers from other Yearly Meetings have done much to convince the understanding in respect to the doctrines of the Society and to call home to the witness for the truth thereof in the soul of every inquirer.”

Philadelphia is acknowledged to be the most conservative of our Yearly Meetings, but there has been a desire for reform on the part of many of its