

the divine plan of benevolence, which seeks to equalize humanity by a law of universal brotherhood. Then, in some cases, moreover, by their ritual ceremonial services, they counterfeit religion; assuming to approach God with a man-made form of worship; which, being imperfect in itself and associated with the vindication of ungodly principles, becomes in fact a sacrilegious mockery. Finally, wherever professing Christians become devoted to the interests of secret societies, accepting their principles, and participating in their religious mockeries, their soul of sympathy is absorbed, leaving for the church of God and the cause of Christianity, a mere remnant and a wreck. We, therefore, agree to recommend to our next General Conference, that they maintain in full force our present testimony and law on that subject.

### True Freedom—How to Gain it.

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We want no flag, no flaunting flag,  
For Liberty to fight;  
We want no blaze of murderous guns,  
To struggle for the right.  
Our spears and swords are printed words;  
The mind our battle-plain:  
We've won such victories before  
And so we shall again.

We love no triumphs sprung of force—  
They stain her brightest cause;  
'Tis not in blood that Liberty  
Inscribes her civil laws,  
She writes them on the people's heart,  
In language clear and plain;  
True thoughts have moved the world before,  
And so they shall again.

We yield to none in earnest love  
Of Freedom's cause sublime;  
We join the cry, "Fraternity!"  
We keep the march of Time.  
And yet we grasp no pike nor spear,  
Our victories to obtain.  
We've won without their aid before,  
And so we shall again.

We want no aid of barricade  
To show a front of wrong;  
We have a citadel in truth,  
More durable and strong;