

opened to him that God who made the world did not dwell in temples made with hands, "that he did not dwell in these temples which men had commanded and set up, but in people's hearts, but that his people were his temple and he dwelt in them." From this afterward developed the corollary that "the ground and house were no holier than any other place, and that the house is not the church but the people constitute the church." And his relatives were grieved that he would not go to church any more, and although they saw beyond the priests, they urged him to go to hear the priests, and Nathaniel Stevens, the pastor in Fox's parish, expressed a fear that Fox was going after new lights. But Fox smiled within himself at them, knowing what had been opened within himself concerning the priest and his brethren. Fox did not tell his relatives what he thought beyond a hint that the anointing for the priesthood was within man, not without, and he continued to wander about the country. He fasted much, and walked abroad in solitary places many days at a time, and often took his Bible and sate in hollow trees and lonesome places till the night came on, and frequently in the night walked mournfully about by himself.

After he had forsaken the priests of the established church, he looked more after the separate ministers, and those considered "experienced people," but he soon became dissatisfied and left these also. And when all hope from these and other men was gone, and he felt that nothing outwardly could help him or tell him what to do, he had his next experience. "And then the Lord did gently lead me along, and did let me see His love, which is endless and eternal, and surpasses all the knowledge which men have in the natural state or can get by history of books.

And all these things, so old to us, seemed new and wonderful to him, all

these drawings and leadings from what people commonly accepted. It was as though a bright searching light had been cast upon that which was false and untrue, so that he saw it in its true aspect, and he came to believe that it was a light indeed which had shown him these things, a light which was within himself, for no one else had pointed out these things to him, a light which was good, and therefore from God. And he believed that this was the light referred to in the Gospels as the Light which enlightens every man who comes into the world, that it would show him the sins and wrongs of the world, and be his Saviour from them, his Christ Within, his hope of glory.

Then George Fox began to preach.

In his preaching he travelled over Great Britain, visited Germany and Holland, and crossed the ocean to labor in the West Indies and the British colonies of America, where he spent about two years. The people flocked to hear him preach the liberation of man from that which man has created, and heard with joy his gospel that it is not that which is without but that which is within man which counts. With these people who came to hear him were established permanent meetings, out of these gatherings came new apostles inspired with zeal for the new faith. The sect grew until the authorities began to fear that if the new doctrine should spread it would break the attachment of the people for their lawfully constituted spiritual advisers and destroy the church establishment. It also seemed that the doctrine that God had boundless love for all mankind and did not care to see them warring with each other, would interfere with the military establishment, and through the church and military there began a persecution of the Quakers; and they suffered. The persecution, however, only fanned the fire of their enthusiasm, and in the courts, and in prison, and before the soldiers who