

guide and a comforter that will "lead in to all truth." This principle, if properly presented, might be an anchor for many troubled doubters in this age of religious criticism, questioning and rejection of old beliefs. Shall we who have this principle, this part of truth for our inheritance, consider that we have no further work to do now when so many are seeking for a more sure guide?

Individuals of other denominations believe in this light and love it, but it is neither taught nor trusted in all its beauty and helpfulness, except by the Society of Friends.

This seems to me *one* reason for our existence as a Society, and for our earnest endeavor to let our light shine.

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Friends of the Review :

You remember an article written some time ago, entitled "One Side of the Question." You doubtless thought it a very one-sided article, which indeed it was meant to be, as it was plainly stated that it attempted to portray only one side of a many-sided question; and since it has fulfilled its mission, and is looking toward the ripening of good fruit, it is fully time, before the year goes out, to give, as was at first intended, the other side of the question. There is no Society that entertains more tender and kindly feeling toward the young than does the Society of Friends. Mothers who attend other churches must leave their babes at home, while here, the tiniest infant is welcomed as it were with outstretched arms, and caretakers of such are requested not to leave the room when the little ones are troubled. The congregation are no more disturbed by their attempts at expression than was Jesus of Nazareth when his anxious followers tried to quiet the children,

lest they should annoy him. As they grow older they are encouraged to sit with their elders in worship, even when too young to understand, and for this reason the behavior of Friends' children is notably better than those of other churches, even from babyhood. The gentle, quiet influence is with them all their lives, leading to calmness of thought and dignity of manner. Children thus reared are never trivial nor petty. Their aims in life are apt to be high ones, and as a rule, their success is assured. Why? Because they are taught to be honest in speech upright in dealing, kind in all living, and, more than all this, they are taught never to attempt *anything* that they are not fully competent to carry out properly, and *never* to incur a debt that they have not a certain ability to pay. Did you ever hear of a Friend taking the "Bankrupt Act"? *No!!!* If such a *seeming* thing ever happened, it was with some one who only used piety for a cloak and at heart were but —no matter what; we will not name them. Did you ever meet with a business man not a Friend who would say "thee" and "thou" in making a bargain? Yes! Why did he do so? Because he knew that if he could pass for a genuine Friend, no one would doubt his word. What does this speak for the Society? Is there any other church, every member of which is noted for strict honesty! Is there any other church that holds a "Discipline" of right living, to which every member is required to answer whether he fulfill? And as for sympathy, I never saw anything like that which here abounds. All through my upward growth, when'er my heart was troubled with too heavy burden the silent presence of a dear old "Quaker" woman would lift the load, though not a word be spoken, my head upon her shoulder grew calm as though it rested on the heart of God. And this was strength renewed to bear the heaviest cross, for in the power of this *human* sympathy I found a living emblem of our