

of the living God, it is there where the influence is to be relished, and it is there where the lessons of his eternal truth are administered in such a manner that we cannot mistake them.

The family that is governed in this way, manifests what the name Friends means. Parents comprehending this, the husband, wife and children make one building, (speaking in a figure,) and their light will sparkle out in the neighborhood. And when we go out to the world to do business, for we have bodies which need providing for; when the merchant and manufacturer, and all connected with the transactions of business life are engaged, they who buy and sell—if they are under the influence of this divine gift and power, they will be able to show in their conversation and manner the excellency of that which belongs only to a real member of the Church of God. No doubt about it, for the eternal light shines in on every mind. It shines into the human soul when we obey, and we become children of the light. Jesus said, I must work while it is day. People cannot work in the darkness. We have the shadow as well as the light, but thanks be to God, his light is continually coming down to us. The path of the just you know, it is said, is a shining light which shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. We are going on and on, but there are stones we can tread on, which have been planted there for the purpose by the loving hands of God. Would he not care for his children? He has brought down hills, lifted valleys, divided waters and made a highway for all his children. It has always been so. It has never been different to this from the foundations of the world. The pathway of the just, the pathway of God's holy children has always been lighted by the divine countenance, and it is all the time becoming clearer and clearer. The star is before us and we follow, and if we continue to follow it will lead on and on until we shall arrive finally at the Golden Gate, where we shall be known

and the door will be open and admit us to that place where all will be eternal peace. My brother has said there was a romance in religion; but there is a true religion. We own a true religion which has its life in the eternal mind of God. It is the law that he writes in the soul, and when we listen and obey that law, it is well with us. Jesus says: "He that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock, and the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock." When the storms came, and all the elements combined beat upon it, it fell not, because it was founded upon the rock of obedience, of love, of purity and everything pertaining to the perfections of the divine nature. Hence obedience thereunto is his religion, and it is mine.

There is no romance about it at all. It stands firm under all circumstances, and I have known it from the time when I was three years of age; for my father led me out with it and told me what I should do, and the power has ever since been calling me to come up higher. There is no reason why we should not know this divine science and be brought under the influence of this divine power. When we live in obedience to it, we are building on a rock that the elements can never disturb. You know that no one can take from you that truth nor mar the purity of your inner being; no man can meddle with you. I know no man can enter into my soul and take away my garment and place it upon others. I know it is from my Heavenly Father, and I wear it according to the measure and proportion of the faith which is measured out to me. And you may be able to do the same thing, for there is no difference between us. God is not a power that will forsake, but he will lead on higher and higher. We are on the journey of life, and it is upward and onward, going on and on,