

sibly can, into dissipation and licentiousness, a feeder of swine—that despised animal of the Jews—and himself fed upon the husks. But lo, he remembers the good things in the father's house. This remembrance the Christ Spirit wrought in him. He repents of of his present condition; he resolves to return; he carries it out in act. The Father meets him, embraces him, receives him back home again. He is willing to be simply as an hired servant. The hired servant has no will of his own in what he has to do, but he carries out the will of another. Man is to do the will of his heavenly Father in all.

You will notice in the case of the Prodigal son there was no intercession, no mediation, but simply ceasing to do evil and learning to do well. But Christ, the Spirit of God in the soul, performed its mission in the heart of the prodigal, as witness and assurance of the things that were and might be again, if he would but turn. This is the simple religion of Jesus. The Apostles even did not fully comprehend its simplicity and its efficacy. They dwelt more upon the shadow. They called for a credulity, a belief in something they cannot understand nor explain. We are counseled to "examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith, prove your own selves." "Prove allthings, hold fast that which is good."

It is also a mistaken idea to think our God a God of wrath. God has never any angry feelings towards any, even the most vile of humanity, He has nothing but pity and love—an all-embracing love. He desires the good of all, and unceasingly pours his love towards them for that purpose. May we ever be on the watch and stray not in the least, for the limit of our probation is uncertain. The summons may come at any time. In the twinkling of an eye we may be ushered into the life beyond. May we as we pass along this life feel conscious of doing our work, have the sweet assurance that when the veil does fall behind we will find ourselves in the Heaven of rest, a

place of peace, where temptations do not trouble, where sorrows never come, and where partings are unknown.

### GENESEE YEARLY MEETING OF 1890.

The various sessions of this body held from the 7th to the 12th inclusive.

On Seventh day the meeting for ministers and elders convened. There was no business come up at this time that was deemed worthy of claiming the attention of the general Y. M.

On First-day morning a public meeting was held, which was largely attended, the house being full and many remaining outside. Very impressive discourses were made by Louisa J. Roberts and John J. Cornell. (For John J.'s, see first page of this paper.)

L. J. R. said, in substance:—The age in which Jesus lived was similar to our own. The people were as sheep without a shepherd. His mission was to call them to the spiritual shepherd within them. There was no rest for him outside of coming to what his Heavenly Father designed him for. Nor is there for us. We must turn and learn of Christ within, our hope of glory. It is found within every heart; it is that that makes known to us right and duty. Thus we become at-one with God, and are willing to say, "Not my will but thine be done, O Lord!" I invite you all to mind the Light, to come to this witness for truth in your own souls.

Isaac Wilson appeared in supplication, and under a sweet covering the meeting closed.

At the First-day afternoon meeting Isaac Wilson, Louisa J. Roberts and John J. Cornell spoke.

I. W.'s sermon, which occupied the most time, we hope to be able to publish, in substance, next month.

L. J. R. said it was through obedience that we grow in favor with God and with man. Let obedience be the chief motive of our acts, the one thing of our lives. Let us ask how would Jesus have done if he were in my circum-