

ready been brought home to you, and life will take on new meaning and new beauty. One week is lifted out of the region of drudgery, our joys are sanctified, if we make each day a day of divine service. There are times when life seems a labyrinth through whose mazes we cannot find our way, but I believe that each human soul is held by an invisible thread to the Divine center, and that each day's faithfulness reveals this guiding thread for the next.

Happy it is for us, if we are able to feel ourselves in the house of the Lord, whenever we are called together for a season of silence. For

"To the calmly gathered thought
The innermost of truth is taught,
The mystery dimly understood,
That love of God is love of good,
And chiefly its divinest trace
In Him of Nazareth's lovely face;
That to be saved is only this—
Salvation from our selfishness,
From more than elemental fire,
The soul's unsanctified desire,
From sin itself, and not the pain
That warns us of its chafing chain;
That worship's deeper meaning lies
In mercy and not sacrifice,
Not proud humilities of sense
And posturing of penitence,
But love's unforced obedience,
That book and church and day are given
For man, not God—for earth, not heaven,
The blessed, means to holiest ends,
Not masters, but benignant friends;
That the dear Christ dwells not afar,
The King of some remotest star,
Listening at times, with flattered ear
To homage wrung from selfish fear,
But here amidst the poor and blind,
The bound and suffering of our kind,
In works we do, in prayers we pray,
Life of our life, he lives to-day."

We want our friends to take every advantage of our *special offer* to *Isolated Friends*. Remember it only holds good to 1st mo. 15th, 1891. So send in names at once. The terms are those west of the Mississippi River and west of Ontario for 25 cents each a year. Also, if any meeting of Friends in America send us twenty or more names of its *Isolated Members*, we will send to each a copy *one year* for 25 cents per copy.

THE REASONS FOR FRIENDS' VIEWS.

I.

It is our intention, under this heading, to review one after another the tenets of our Society. Our excuse for doing so in the face of all that has been expressed on it by far abler writers in the far and recent past is as follows: We wish to make things so clear, simple and reasonable that our young class of readers may readily comprehend them. Although simplicity and clearness are recommended by our Society, its writings, in general fail, egregiously, to display these virtues. In this task we will apply ourselves more than is customary by our writers, to the reason of things, for we perceive that many among us who are familiar with our principles are yet at a loss for reasons to present for the faith that is in them.

There, no doubt will be some view presented that may be different from those entertained by some of our members. We shall however be loyal to what we believe to be true Quakerism as promulgated by Jesus Christ and George Fox. We hope to be kept from a spirit of denunciation and uncharity towards those entertaining views different from us and we trust we shall be accorded the same charity, or love. For it avileth nothing to speak with the tongues of angels if we have not love.

We will take for our first consideration that that we hold supreme, the doctrine of

THE INNER LIGHT.

The Inner Light, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Word, the Son of God, other and expressions found in the Bible, mean to us the same thing—the manifestation of the will of God to the understanding of man.

There was a man in England about two centuries and a-half ago, who might have been often found sitting in a hollow tree, in the solitary woods,