

to their religious meetings, and find the woman no whit behind the man in fervor and eloquence.

Let any one who has looked upon the Friends merely as a peculiar people, cherishing strange and unmeaning forms, attend one of their large yearly meetings, and as he received their hearty hand grasps, and cordial salutations he feels that he has entered a large family, whose ties of kindred convictions have been riveted by long continued pressure from without, which yet has raised no barrier against any who approach in a true brotherly spirit.

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THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE.

Have you heard the tale of the aloe plant,
Away in the sunny clime?
By humble growth of a hundred years
It reaches its blooming time.
And then a wondrous bud at its crown
Breaks into a thousand flowers;
This floral queen, in its blooming scene,
Is the pride of the tropical bowers,
But the plant to the flower is a sacrifice,
For it blooms but once, and in blooming dies

Have you further heard of the aloe plant
That grows in the sunny clime?
How every one of its thousand flowers,
As they drop in the blooming time,
Is an infant plant that fastens its roots
In the place where it falls on the ground;
And as they drop from the dying stem,
Grow lively and lovely around?
By dying it liveth a thousand fold
In the younger that springs from the death of the old.

Have you heard, the tale of the pelican,
The Arab's Gimel el Babr,
That lives in the African solitudes,
Where the birds that live lonely are?
Have you heard how it loves its tender young,
And cares and toils for their good?
It brings them water from fountains afar,
And fishes the sea for their food.
In famine it feeds them—what love can devise!
The blood of its bosom—and feeding them, dies.

Have you heard the tale they tell of the swan,
The snow-white bird of the lake?
It noiselessly floats on the silvery wave,
It silently sits in the brake,
For it saves its song till the end of life;
And then, in the soft, still even,
Mid the golden light of the setting sun,
It sings as it soars into Heaven:
And the blessed water fall back from the skies—
'Tis its only song, for in singing it dies.

You have heard these tales: Shall I tell you
one—
A greater and better than all?
Have you heard of Him whom the Heavens
adore?
Before whom the hosts of them fall?

How He left the choirs and anthems above,
For earth, in its wallings and woes,
To suffer the pain and shame of the cross,
And die for the life of His foes?
O Prince of the noble! O sufferer Divine!
What sorrow and sacrifice equal to thine?

Have you heard this tale—the best of them all—
The tale of the Holy and True?
He dies but His life, in untold souls,
Lives on in the world anew.
His seed prevails, and is filling the earth
As the stars fill the sky above.
He taught us to yield up the love of life
For the sake of the life of love.
His death is our life; His loss is our gain;
The joy for the tear, the peace for the pain.

Now hear these tales, ye weary and wan.
Who for others do give up your all;
Our Savior hath told you, the seed that would
grow
Into earth's dark bosom must fall;
Must pass from the view and die away;
And then will the fruit appear.
The grain that seems lost in the earth below
Will return many fold in the ear.
By death comes life, by loss comes gain.
The joy for the tear, the peace for the pain.

RULES OF CONDUCT.

1. Rise early.
2. Keep the person in cleanliness.
3. Spend every moment of time in doing something useful, either in study, exercise, conversation, &c.
4. Eat moderate, plain, nutritious food and that only.
5. Drink no stimulants.
6. Labor earnestly by all proper means for mental improvement.
7. Be systematic.
8. Pursue fearlessly and steadily the course of action which reason and judgment approve; fear the face of no man.
9. Be firm and immovable in right principles.
10. Have a sacred regard for truth and justice.
11. Be careful and frugal, yet not parsimonious.
12. Never be angry, or revenge an injury; be always good-natured under all circumstances.
13. Do everything in the best possible manner.
14. Never be haughty, proud or overbearing.
15. Be affable and social towards all, and especially at home.
16. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.