

period of decline. But they who predict its speedy decay do not read aright the signs of the times. It is not true of it to-day either in England or America. Why am I so confident? Not simply because numbers indicate it, but because it is become an attractive power. I am confident because I see it attracting the highest type of humanity to it. Again I base my hope on evidence, and evidence to which this very audience testifies. I have observed before with pleasure, and recent developments tend to corroborate its correctness, that the most thinking minds and the brightest intellects choose our Society as affording the best means and opportunities for soul growth. This is the attractive power that is big with hope.

The mighty power it has been and is in the world. Quakerism has been the leaven of modern Anglo Saxon civilization. It has reformed the old world, and founded on broad principles the new. It has freed the limbs of men and liberated the conscience. It kindled the Brahmo Somaj of India, founded the Dookhobortsi of Russia, and furnished material for the liberal churches of Christendom. Thomas Carlyle, the far-sighted seer, calls the rise of Quakerism the greatest event of modern times.

And lastly, for the present, I value Quakerism because of the potent influence it exerts to right living. I mean now in a physical sense. The exceptional longevity of Friends shows how exceptionally Quakerism understands the laws of life and health. It gives the truest interpretation of this body we inhabit, honoring each organ as a gift of God, to be kept pure and healthy for His service. It affords the truest version of life, and its relations with other lives around us, and to the source of all life in God.

For these and other reasons I am truly thankful that I am a Friend.

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SUCCESS.

A paper read by Jno. A. Oille at the Union Meeting of Sparta, Arkona and Coldstream Young Friends' Associations, held at Sparta, 8th mo. 20th.

All people should desire success because God intended that we should achieve it. No doubt the majority of people do greatly desire to be successful but, I fear the common idea of success is far from right. The man who has made a million of dollars is not necessarily a success. The man who has been left a fortune and lives in comfort the rest of his days is not necessarily a success. But the man who has earned a million, or has been left a million, or has found a million, or has got a fortune in any other honest way, and uses it in the right way, is a success. A man may be successful and live and die poor, or he may be a total failure and die rich. It all depends on how much he has spent and what he spent it for, how much he has bestowed on the world and its people.

I believe that every person in the world at some time or other, more likely in his younger days when he was more as he was intended to be, has had noble aspirations and truly wished and hoped to be successful. Then with this desire and with the world before him let him believe that opportunities lead out into life before everyone. Then there is but one secret of success for him—ability, not luck, or accident, or circumstance, —just ability. By chance a man may get a fortune but by chance he cannot use it properly, and we saw before that success depended only on the using of it.

Now, there are two things for the young man to do. Let him look out into the activities of life to discover what power is necessary to the performance of those activities, then let him look to himself to see whether he has this power or not. If he has the needed power his success is assured. If he decides that he has