

spoke of the various conditions of human souls, of the different degrees in which we receive this Divine Light into our soul, but obedience to our own known duty is all that is required. "Not all who cry Lord, Lord, but he who doeth the will of my Father."

A letter was received from Jonathan W. Plummer, Illinois Yearly Meeting, the originator of the thought which developed into the Friends Religious Congress held at Chicago last Fall, and the instrument through which this meeting was called. He regretted that his feeble condition physically would not permit his being present with us at Chappaqua. The spirit indeed was willing but the flesh was weak. A telegram was sent in reply from the conference to him and his wife expressive of disappointment at their absence, but hopeful for renewed health for further work. His paper on prayer was read by Wm. M. Jackson. Prayer does not change God but prepares us to receive that for which we ask. Prayer is an outpouring of feeling which words cannot express. The simple heart that freely asks in love obtains. The highest prayer is not a form, but the heart's sincere desire; not the asking for a change in God but in ourselves.

Anna R. Powell, New York Yearly Meeting, read the opening discussion written by Serena A. Minard. Prayer is only to be with the Father, to be in communication with him. There was much discussion on these papers and valuable thoughts expressed, a few of which are: They who depend upon texts alone cannot be in harmony, for all denominations read the Scriptures and differ, but he who depends upon the revealings of God in his own heart, lives in harmony with all. Allan Flitcraft expressed the thought by prayer with God all obstacles are removed and we come to understand how rejoicing it is to watch and to pray without ceasing, and we may be engaged in prayer anywhere. A sigh, a tear, often show more truly the feelings than well-turned phrases. J. Edward Harry

said he who reads the Scriptures and understands them must be divinely instructed, as the one who wrote them by inspiration. Anna Cooper Lippincott expressed her appreciation of Serena A. Minard's paper on prayer, saying that she knew the life of the writer to be a beautiful one of dedication and prayer. SEVENTH-DAY, 8 P. M.

A paper, "Mission of the Society of Friends to the Young," by Robert M. Janney, which included the thoughts, "We are a democratic body, therefore, we should feel our individual responsibility to revealed duties, but if our mission seems so small, let us remember they also serve who only stand and wait." The discussion was opened by Isaac Wilon, who said if he had been able to imagine himself before such an assembly as this, the human would not have been willing. We should individually set before the young an example of practical righteousness, for we should adorn our doctrines by the lives which we live. The lives of the parents in the homes are the sermons the children need to-day. No child should look in vain in the lives of its parents for that Divine inspiration that is intended for the offspring. The mission of the young of the Society to-day is a mission second to no other in the world; then lead them to that development for them as well as for their elders. Dispel the fears of the young who are about to live a religious life, who have felt the revealing of the Father, but who doubted and feared the mystery which often surrounds the thought of revelation. Let us who are older make it easy and simple and plain. A natural religion, second to no other, the attention to which will result in a natural growth that will result in a full grown man in Christ.

The individual mission to the Heavenly Father is that this three-fold nature become good like unto him. Following this was a paper by Jessie Holmes, of Baltimore Y. M., on the "Service of the young to the Society."