

true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" and "in him is no darkness at all."

We believe we can enter into our closet and pray there surrounded by thousands. We need no human power to lead us in worship in our assemblies, all depends on individual faithfulness to manifested duty. That God is the teacher of His people Himself, and will manifest Himself as plainly to *me* and be as much wisdom and strength for *me* as he ever has for any, in any age of the world. That here and now is the beginning of eternal life, and we *must* work it out with fear and trembling. I leave the enlargement to others in hope that in our investigation the advancement of truth only may be our aim. May anything else meet its merited doom, as chaff fit only for the fire, but gather the pure wheat into the garner.

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## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES.

For the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

*Wherein do the principles and practices of the Society of Friends differ from those of larger denominations of Christians sufficiently to make its existence desirable?*

The difference in Friends' belief from other Christian bodies is, that Friends' believe that God's office can be neither limited nor divided, that He is Maker, Lord and Saviour. He is the beginning and ending of undefiled wisdom, from whom all blessings flow. "There is a something in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth it understanding." The followers of the pure spirit know that the gospel is obtained through our Father and is not negotiable; because "He teaches His people Himself," and as man cannot teach, we fully realize, and in social intercourse with society become brethren in spirit, walking in the Light.

Another difference is, Jesus' office was one of service; perfect example in

obedience. Be ye also perfect and rest in the knowledge of the Father's presence—*who is authority*. God's supremacy was Jesus' authority, and is ours, for, *by obedience to God salvation is procured*. Practically understanding "my doctrine is not mine, but him that sent me"; conforming and giving precedence to the pure spirit, as taught by the founder of Christianity—is a peculiar feature of this body.

Again, forms and creeds are not employed by Friends in worship. When the kingdom of Heaven is set up and maintained in man the spiritual sacrament and baptism is greater than man can confer, consequently symbols are valueless in spiritual worship to this body; for types, emblems, shadows all have passed away, having no place at the spiritual feast and baptism.

Again they have no paid ministry. Because God amply rewards His servants by His spirit for all they are worthy of; a commodity in which greenbacks, or coin is not a legal tender with this religious denomination.

Friends make no show with their houses for worship; neither in or outside nor burden their members with taxation, or seek assistance from other organizations to liquidate extravagant tabernacle debts; taking care of their own needy; consistent and plain in their manner of living; maintaining and giving Jesus' teachings precedence to all others.

They believe and teach that war is sinful—strenuously advocating national arbitration; for conscience' sake they cannot enter into the practices of the world; that slavery was sinful; that partaking of alcoholic drink as a beverage is evil. In all reforms the Society of Friends holds a conspicuous place in history, and in keeping with Jesus' teachings; advocating and living up to their convictions since the birth of this peculiar people; while the world at large slowly comes into a realization of Friends' early belief and practices. And it has ever been so. Reforma-