

good time and way, "ministering angels."

In order to become His true and efficient instruments we must first labor to be brought into entire harmony with the source of all good, to be clothed with the spirit, and then abiding in a condition of sensitive watchfulness, act promptly to every impression of duty.

So, every desire and effort to act rightly and do good is practical prayer, and every feeling of happiness and enjoyment for the blessings of which we are the partakers is acceptable thanksgiving and praise :

"May I remember that to thee
Whate'er I have I owe,
And back in gratitude from me
May all thy bounties flow.

Thy gifts are only then enjoyed
When used as talents lent,
Those talents only well employed
When in thy service spent."

—*Montgomery.*

The humble, earnest desire and effort for a higher, purer life, a closer walk with God, persisted in day by day, raises the soul to a higher plane, on which its possessor is further removed from the government of his animal nature, so that the attractions and power of worldly things are diminished, and he is brought wholly within the sphere of heavenly influences and enjoyments.

May we remember that upon ourselves lies the responsibility of "ceasing to do evil, and learning to do well." That we should act as well as pray, trusting the divine aid and blessing will rest upon every endeavor that is actuated by His love.

Thus serving the divine Father in the way of His requirings, we shall be prepared to live truly the life that now is, and which will include the other necessary preparation—ready to die, prepared unto glory.

Abiding in Christ—with Him always. What a blessed habitation, experience.

"What asks our Father of His children save
Justice, and mercy and humility,
A reasonable service of good deeds,
Pure living, tenderness to human needs,

Reverence and trust, and prayer for light to see

The Master's footprints in our daily ways ;
No knotted scourge—or sacrificial knife,
But the calm beauty of an ordered life,
Whose every breathing is unworded praise."
—*J. G. Whittier.*

MISSION OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS TO THE YOUNG.

VI.

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All of the subjects chosen to engage the attention of this Religious Conference are of the most practical import, and a clearer understanding of them, followed by a conscientious application of the added insight gained by their consideration, must be very beneficial to us in every way.

But when we reflect upon the present activity and earnestness of the youth of our Society, and realize that not since the period of the immediate rise of Friends has there been manifest such a genuine zeal for righteousness among the young people, the particular subject assigned to me, "The Mission of the Society of Friends to the Youth," becomes of the first importance. I attempt its presentation with much personal distrust ; for though I have given earnest thought to various phases of it for many years, as I study it, its boundaries extend and its significance deepens ; the field seems unbounded ; our realization of the fruitage will be limited only as we fail to rightly discover or faithfully discharge our obligations.

It is well to consider for a moment where the obligations rest, and to do so properly we must glance at the peculiarity of our organization. We are a democratic body,—we have no special class or order upon which rests exclusively the work of the church ; but its well-being is founded in the individual response to opportunities for service. Therefore, what I shall say has an individual, as well as a collective, application, for the mission of a concerned individual may be the mission of the