

God in the soul. The fact that we cannot understand everything that is contained in the Scriptures need not lead us to sweeping assertions of disbelief. We may accept all of the Bible as profitable for the instruction of the human family, although our individual comprehension may not be able to grasp the meaning of each and every text.

#### IN THE MEETING HOUSE.

The gathering in the meeting house, though much smaller than that in the great tent, was favored with many earnest communications. After silence, John H. Shotwell appealed in prayer that the influence of the present gatherings may be extended to the homes and neighborhoods of those who attend. Frances Williams spoke from the text, "To him that hath shall be given, but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he seemeth to have. This is an admonition to bring faith to such occasions as the present meetings. Results depend much upon the spirit in which the work is approached, and it is to him who hath the desire for spiritual food and strength that it is given most abundantly. The gift of grace in the heart is held out to all, but only those receive who bring themselves to desire it. If we do this we shall find the Divine love to be a fatherly love and its grace sufficient.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," was the leading thought of a sermon of John H. Shotwell, of New York. He interpreted fear of the Lord to mean a fear to break His commandments or offend him in any particular. The life of the world is full of temptation to sacrifice virtue and morality for temporal prosperity. When we fear the Lord we shall permit ourselves to make no compromise with evil, and this is the "beginning of wisdom." The only way to glorify God is to keep his commandments and do his will. Real Christianity is the true nobility, above all which the world can give, and to make our Christianity real we mu

carry it with us into every walk of life.

John William Graham, the distinguished guest of the Conference from Manchester, England, spoke from the text "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." Friends may find in the text a meaning which shall bear more closely on their present lives. In America one finds everywhere the symbols of liberty. But all liberty is good only as it conforms to the higher law of service. Freedom of the body or the mind, freedom to do as one may wish, unless it be joined with the will to serve others, can only lead to poverty of soul. Life must not be hoarded; it must be wisely spent. The demands of the business world would seem to seize all our lives, but higher than all temporal success is the life of service which recognizes itself to be a link in the perfect whole which God has planned.

Samuel Swain, of Bristol, Pa., said: "The ministry is not alone the word spoken in meetings for worship. As individuals, men and women have a ministry to perform toward each other, in the sharing of valuable religion and other experiences. If a man know that his Redeemer liveth, then it is his duty to point the way to others both by word and deed."

Henry Hollock, of Brooklyn, N. Y., said: "The Christian world is passing through a period of transition. There are many voices calling to many doctrines, and agnosticism is not infrequent. But prayer is still a safe foundation rock. Christian people owe it to themselves to go to places of worship in a prayerful spirit; the desire to cavil and criticise unduly is fatal to the spiritual influence of any meeting. The truly great men of history have been men of prayer. We must judge nations and individuals in the light of their surroundings, nor criticise the works of God or man in their incomplete parts."

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