

The recent movement by Mr. Cleveland and in Congress for a better qualified and permanent consular force is to be commended.

"It is remarked that changes in the home administration in other countries, such as England and France, do not involve changes in the ministers or ambassadors or consuls, as they do with us. The English Ambassador at Washington holds right on whether the Liberals or the Tories are in power. He represents his country, not a party, and carries out the instructions from the home Government loyally. He is never heard to make speeches attacking the policy of the opposing party—or criticising his own people. Perhaps one of the chief difficulties in our getting a permanent diplomatic and consular service grows out of the fact that the tariff question is one that is always acute in our politics, and the reports of our consuls naturally take on the views held by them upon this question. We cannot have a permanent diplomatic and consular service until we can find diplomats and consuls who will leave their party politics at home. If they are to be aired or exercised abroad, then it follows that they must be in harmony with the party in power at home."

#### THE NEED FOR QUAKERISM.

There never was a greater need for Quakerism than there is to-day. Quakerism stands for what is right; not what his expedient. For courage of conviction; not a weak submission to incipient evil. For love and forbearance; not hatred and strife. For cheerful obedience to those in authority; not rebellion against wholesome rule. For good taste and simplicity; not dead conformity or display. For neat, tasteful homes; not ostentatious mansions. For wholesome recreations; not corrupting diversions. For cordial hospitality; not elaborate entertainments. For honesty and fair dealing; not injustice and avarice. For modera-

tion in all things; not extravagance in many things. For pure every day living; not spasmodic goodness. For broad, cultured minds and warm hearts; not selfish intellectualism and coldness. For self-respecting aid to the needy; not demoralizing charity. For simplicity in worship; not formality and grandeur. For sincerity and freedom in belief; not cant and narrowness. For toleration; not assuming judgment. For the inward revelation of truth; not dependence upon dogmatic theology. For faith in God and the divine Christ in men; not faith alone, or works alone, but both combined.

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This caught the eye of Bishop Vincent, who presented a copy of the Standard with the following inscription:

"To the Harvard University, for the use of the staff of University preachers, thinking that *the very best* is not too good for them.

"JOHN H. VINCENT,  
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