

ed on the only sure foundation, having the law of the Lord in our hearts ; and not only that the pure mind should be stirred in us, but that we should diligently teach our children right principles, and train them for heaven. As our stay here is but short, and we shall soon have to appear before that tribunal whence there is no appeal, and as the new birth is essential to salvation, may we exercise an earnest care that our children may be prepared for the solemn event, and may we, by example and precept, be faithful in pointing them to Jesus, and in directing their minds to the teachings of saving Grace, inculcating the principles of the Christian religion, as professed by us, and, in practical detail, give to them the reason why we may not indulge, in conformity to the world, in vain sports, games of chance, in music, the theatre, and similar practices, that alienate the mind from the love of God. We should bear in mind that our children have a fallen nature, and have need to be protected from the evil influences that surround them.

"The salutary restraint imposed by our Discipline in reference to a consistent plainness of speech, apparel and demeanor, with the tender care of religious parents, have been the means of preserving many of our youths from hurtful practices and associations. We believe that in Divine wisdom this hedge was early established in our religious society, and the beneficial results from the right maintenance thereof, not only to Friends but to the world, for the space of two hundred years, cannot be questioned, and none of those testimonies which have been transmitted to us, can be spared now. The follies and vices of the world, the tendency to ritualism in the church, and the temptations that surround us, demand a close adherence to our principles, and faithfulness to Divine guidance, and may our example be the beacon to our children and to others, to follow us as we have followed Christ. The offence of the cross has not ceased, and a fear was expressed that not a few are shrinking from it to their own loss, and their consequent lack of usefulness in the church.

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