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I was never so strongly impressed of how Quakerly the world is growing as recently when attending our county First-day School Association. I felt that they were friends all; friends if not with a capital "F," at least with a small "f," and I feel that the small "f," although contrary to rule, is here more important than the capital "F." Better friendly in spirit than merely in name.

There was very little said or done that did not seem to have been prompted by a belief in the living, loving, ever-present Father. There were things uttered tending towards

Liberalism that scarcely dare be uttered in a modern Friends' gathering. In such expressions as the following I can clearly see the influence of Quakerism and of the "Parliament of Religions" upon the world. The president in his address said: "In all Bible study we should study the character of Jesus Christ and try to acquire that character, asking ourselves repeatedly: 'What would Jesus Christ do if he were in my place,' even until it may be said of us, 'There goes Jesus Christ if he is living to day on earth.'"

Another speaker said on "Teaching": "Go to your class with the reflex of Christ's spirit shining from your face, that the pupils will feel that you have been in the very presence of God."

Truly the leaven of Liberalism, though, perhaps, for the most part silently and unconsciously, is working certainly and powerfully for the obliteration of all formalism, idolatry and superstition that still lingers in Christianity. Let us not be jealous, but rejoice that other denominations, those, even, that bitterly persecuted the early fathers of Quakerism, are to-day transforming their religions to ours, are more and more looking for an inner instead of an outer Christ, are acknowledging, as all Societies must, finally, the Divine Immanence, or, as we designate it, the "Inner Light."

We are in receipt of a neat, well bound and finely illustrated book of poems entitled, "Lyrics of Quakerism," from the author, Ellwood Roberts, Norristown, Pa. The poets of our Society are so few that access to all of them should be provided either in the family or in the library. The teaching and tendency of the true Friend is always for the better and the purer. The time has not permitted us to give it a general review, which we hope to ere long, inserting occasionally a piece in the REVIEW.