

come the world." Let us take note that he founded no great institutions, strove not to please men, but that he spoke God's truth as it came to him and loved his neighbor as himself, that he "fought the good fight," finished his work and kept the faith. With his life before us none can plead poverty or weakness as an excuse for inaction. Remembering that he said, "Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect" we dare not cloak ourselves in affected humility. Our failings are their own punishments in that we can never attain what we might have reached by truer consecration and this retribution is as unchangeable as God himself.

There seems to be in the religious world of to-day a renewed tendency toward the work of God. If our Society shall put itself in line with this tendency and consecrate itself anew to its work then may it again be useful and helpful as it once was. In so doing it may return to unpopularity and this again may profit much. There must be many in this broad land who could work with Friends better than in any other connection. The Society's first and constant duty is to make itself and its work known and thus strengthen both itself and them. If it attends truly to its real business in the world there will be little time to count members or deserters; a working organization if engaged in a good cause cannot decline; so many are waiting for a place in which to work for the right that a vacancy needs only to be shown in order to be filled.

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### SOCIAL MINGLING.

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We are placed here in this beautiful world to enjoy ourselves. Our Heavenly Father has surrounded us with everything to make us enjoy ourselves. He has provided ample means whereby our physical bodies are supported, and a way to obtain it. It is said in the Scriptures, that "Man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his face;" meaning, we should not live in idleness but use the powers we are endowed with in order that we may secure these means, and with Divine assistance our labors will be blest.

We have a social nature, and in order for this to expand we must mingle together and exchange thoughts and feelings, and thereby increase our intellectual growth.

Were we to exclude ourselves from our fellow-creatures and live for ourselves alone, we would become selfish and narrow-minded. We would in this manner lose much of the happiness we were designed to enjoy.

As it is with the growth of vegetation when shut out from the warming influences of the rays of the sun, it never arrives to a state of perfection. Just so it is with our spiritual growth when we exclude ourselves from the society of our friends and co-laborers in the church militant.

True there is One who searches our hearts and directs our ways but He did not intend us to be alone. There are scriptural testimonies to corroborate this fact. In view of these things let each of us feel the responsibilities incident to our lives and the influences we are exerting by our daily walks

Like the Good Samaritan let us help to raise the fallen and our efforts will ensure us a rich interest in the love of our Heavenly Father. Let us look about us and we will find work to do.

We have just entered upon the duties of another year. Let us renew our covenant with a covenant-keeping God that we *will* use our powers to magnify His holy Name, while reason sits upon her throne.

We are sailors in the great ship on the stream of time. One minute after another the hours fly. One day at a time and our lives speed on into Eternity.

After the battle the peace is dear,

After the toil the rest,

After the storms when the skies are clear

Fair is the ocean's breast.

E. H. BARNES.

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Sir Walter Scott's great great grand-father was a member, it appears, of the Society of Friends.