

render some offering especially His own. This reasonable service would bring a strength to your meetings that you cannot measure. Do you not see how this report, if it went up full, that we *are* careful to attend our meetings, would be to the larger assemblies. It would come as a stream of pure water into a desert land. Ye are accountable if it goes up not so. And when ye are spoken to for negligence, take it kindly, do not feel that the individual has something against you, but they are constrained in their duty by the love of the Father. If done and received in this love it will be a binding cord binding you all together.

Dear people be faithful, more so than some of you have been, I feel, as I stand here pleading with you. It will bring greater peace, a peace that the world and its glories and allurements cannot give you nor take from you. May you remember these things as you continue to gather here to worship our Father which is in Heaven. And to the young that are here, there is the same desire that you may not stay away, for if you do you keep away something that the older ones have need of. Let young and old join together in true fellowship at the table of the Lord. Be true to our principles and testimonies. And let us work according to our religious faith. Other societies have their ways and we have ours. But may ye not lightly esteem the privilege of being a member of the Society of Friends. I feel that I could almost prophesy that as you are willing to be directed by divine guidance there will come a light and strength out of our principles till the world will recognize and reverence our fundamental belief even the revelation of the most high. In this faithfulness there will be raised up counsellors as of old, and judges as in the beginning. After the overseers and elders there is that glorious service of being called of God to be ministers in our Society. We are all to minister unto each other. But there has been a diffidence, a holding

back, a shrinking when some have been called upon to speak the vocal word. There is this, that Moses felt when he refused to speak because of his stammering tongue, and desired the Lord to choose some other vessel. Yet into that vessel the Lord has chosen, I believe He will pour strength abundantly. Look not outwardly for help, but inwardly for the revealing of his divine will. Our heavenly father is patient, He will give us another call, and, oh dear hearts, when it returns be faithful, be not afraid. As you willingly give the little you have more will be added, and strength will be increased. O, let not doubt enter, nor fear, nor reasoning, nor the tyrant of unbelief. For these are the stormy billows that toss the ship, and the Master, whom the winds and the waves obey, may be asleep in the hindermost part of the vessel.

May ye truly be as hearts qualified unto every service that the heavenly Father calls you unto. He never forces. He shows us the path but never says thou *shalt* walk in it. We are free to choose the other way. But if we do trouble and trials and disappointments will meet us on every hand. If we dwell in the human we are disturbed and restless but in the divine we are sure the heavenly Father will say to the troubling billows, "be still," and all is at rest, and blessed is that heart that has found this heavenly rest, and hears repeated all the way through life "Well done: good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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The clergy would have us believe them against our own reason, as the woman would have had her husband against his own eyes. What! will you believe your own eyes before your own sweet wife?—[Selden.

Exact justice is commonly more merciful in the long run than pity, for it tends to foster in men those stronger qualities which make them good citizens.—[Lowell.