

REBUKE.

The world is old and the world is cold,
And never a day is fair, I said.
Out of the heavens the sunlight rolled,
The green leaves rustled above my head,
And the sea was a sea of gold.

The world is cruel, I said again ;
Her voice is harsh to my shrinking ear,
And the nights are dreary and full of pain.
Out of the darkness, sweet and clear
There rippled a tender strain ;

Rippled a song of a bird asleep,
That sang in a dream of the budding wood,
Of shining fields where the reapers reap,
Of a wee brown mate and a nestling brood,
And the grass where the berries breed.

The world is false, though the world be fair
And never a heart is pure, I said.
And lo ! the clinging of white arms bare,
The innocent gold of my baby's head,
And the lisp of a childish prayer.

—Selected.

THE GREATEST BOON THAT QUAKERISM HAS GIVEN TO THE WORLD.

First, it gave us George Fox, or George Fox gave us Quakerism. It is difficult to tell which way to put it, for, were it not for Quakerism we should have known nothing about George Fox, and were it not for George Fox, we *might* have known nothing about Quakerism.

It has given us martyrs, who lived, and suffered, and died for the truth, causing us to weep in sorrow for their sufferings, in admiration for their valor, and in tender gratitude for the influence they left behind them. It has given migration of beautiful thought and lofty sentiment to a new continent.

It has given a sense of justice, recognizing the rights of all mankind, extending to the wild red man of the woods, as well as to the white man of civilization.

It has given mankind freedom from bondage, in the old continent and the new.

It has given Presidents of great nations and touched the hearts of mighty rulers.

It has given people, who, bowing at

truth's shrine, have been able to set foot upon error, and so rise in the scale of existence, carrying the world with them.

It has given all its labors to relieve human oppression, whether physical or spiritual, and raise the oppressed to an equal footing with the oppressor, that *all* may live together in the light.

It has given the Abolition of War, and the promise of absolute peace, which is like a prophecy of Christ's Kingdom established in all the earth.

But to the greatest boon it has given to the world is "Quakerism," for there is a spirit in it as indestructible as time, and as measureless as eternity.

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IS RELIGION A MYTH?

FOR YOUNG FRIENDS REVIEW.

According to theology as taught in most of the theological colleges I think it is, at least a great part of it. But according to the spirit by which the blessed Jesus was enabled to do his heavenly Father's will, religion is not a mystery. He was led to act and do by kindness and love that others might be benefitted, and thereby at the same time do His heavenly Father's will thus securing his own happiness and also his own everlasting life. He was a bright light for us to follow and be governed by. God is no respecter of persons and has given a portion of this holy spirit of love and kindness unto all to profit by; and all those who do justly, love mercy and walk humbly are accepted by him, and this heavenly love and kindness practiced by us will lead us to do so without any further influence, which is a plain and simple and a very satisfactory way to get along in this life, as also giving us a glorious hope of entering in with just ones when done with time. This is devoid of all mystery, and is eminently practical. By acting in this kind, loving way we will be hastening the time when our heavenly Father's will will be done among us as it is done in heaven; so let us all be influenced