

for some or all of them, and *read them*. I feel like urging that we read them first, then read the dailies and others we may take.

Small pamphlets of our testimonies and memorials of Friends, too, ought to be in every family. Often there are but few Friends in a neighborhood, and if the parents are not diligent they will find that if our principles are not read, taught or talked about to the children; by the outside influence, by association and reading of their literature, which they are careful to have for the perusal of all, the children will grow up with little knowledge of our beautiful testimonies.

Proper literature for the very young is a serious consideration to my mind. The *Scattered Seeds* helps supply that want, but still there is need for more. If parents and teachers could only realize how much the children are influenced by their reading, and see that only the good and pure is placed before them, and *that according to our principles*. Reading they must have; if not supplied with according to our belief, they will have other.

Besides holding meetings for worship wherever there are a few Friends, I think the First-day School and Young Friends' Association, or something like it, would aid in presenting our principles. It seems to me if there was a greater knowledge among our members of the sufferings, and even death, which so many early Friends endured, they would more fully appreciate the liberty we now enjoy at the cost of so much suffering on the part of our ancestors. Each organization could read or study what they felt they most needed.

While believing very strongly myself that God is the teacher of His people himself, yet some think that if there was more of the spoken word, by a truly and rightly exercised ministry, there are many who have once been Friends who, when moving west, have gone to the other churches, and if any of our prominent ministers would come and live amongst us they would much

rather come to Friends' meeting and hear their preaching, thus showing that our ministry, if kept in the *life*, is more powerful and searching than the hireling ministry.

Individual faithfulness to the Inward Light by both old and young, thereby showing others the beauty and simplicity of Quakerism, will tend to draw them to our Society, and we be prepared to apply our principles to their needs.

If Friends everywhere would stand firm and never be ashamed of our principles, which always lead to the path of self-denial; others, weary of forms and ceremonies, would gladly join us, and thereby find food satisfying to their souls.

Friends make a higher profession than any other religious organization, and if we are ashamed of any of our testimonies the world notices it, and speaks of our weaknesses. Although we seek not the world's honor, yet men will show us greater respect if we will only stand firm, living up to our profession and convictions in our daily lives.

The visits from any friends would be gladly accepted and appreciated, and would be one way of presenting our principles to the people, and encouraging Friends to greater Faithfulness.

Instead of reversing the command, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all things necessary shall be added," if we would show the same zeal in acquiring spiritual food for our immortal souls as we do for our material interests, there would be no cause to ask how to again rebuild the walls of Zion.

We need to be called back to primitive Quakerism, even to Christ, the word of God, who stands at the door of every heart, knocking for admission.

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The way to be overworked is to leave over a few obs for to-morrow.