

people need much the same attention, only in their case it burns low and will finally disappear from observation.

I was yesterday drawn to the words of our friend, Elwood Trueblood, in connection with a dedicated ministry. Will a dedicated ministry bring about the desired effect? Will it be the upbuilding and the strengthening of Friends in the west? Will it draw people to us, and will they be satisfied with what they receive? Will it have the uplifting tendency?

I have noticed people come and attend Meeting and First-day School for a time, then drop off. Apparently they do not receive that which the longing in most souls calls for; they attend other places of worship, then return to us, and away again. Is there anything that will reach these people? Can we not do something to satisfy them, and bring them to us to remain permanently?

True, I do not mean by this that our own members are not in need of this same drawing power and influence, but if we are to strengthen Meetings, cause them to grow, and at the same time attain the truth as it is presented to us, what are we to do? What course are we to pursue that we may cause a re-lighting of this Christ light in the hearts of men? I ask this to turn the minds of Friends in this direction. This subject has long been upon my mind, and I doubt not that it has become the leading point in the minds of a great many others. In fact it has been mentioned many times before, but I should like to hear it more fully discussed, and get the opinion of the older and more experienced.

While we do not want to deviate from the principle taught by our ancestors, we must do something to keep up our Meetings. The future growth and advancement of the Society will fall upon the shoulders of the now younger members, which certainly must be the case so long as there is a Society, and will be true with the changing of each generation.

The continual change in the habits of the people, which is plain to the eyes of all, must certainly demand a change in the modes of religious life. "Friends are not what they used to be," we hear this expression on every side. Have we advanced or gone backward? Let us look to this point, and if possible find out where we stand.

Is the Light from which Quakerism sprung burning as brightly to-day as when first lighted by George Fox? Do we not need a second George Fox to re-light it? Cause the flame to spread, inspire the minds of our people and cause them to re-awaken?

We must have some drawing power that will *hold* Friends together, and cause each one to say unto his neighbor, "Come, let the Light shine upon thee." There will be few to resist, and the Christ light in the hearts of men will shine as the sun.

I have felt it right to mention these things as they appear to me; perhaps others may be able to reach farther and hit upon a more conclusive point.

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