

administered by human agency lowers the conception of *direct* union through one spirit with the one Lord, who is the ever-present and guiding Head over all service in his church. The human will has shown itself ever ready all along the ages, to satisfy the claims of conscience by the easy performance of external ceremony, rather than in submission to the heart-searching and life giving impulse of the "Inward Word and Teacher," so near to every soul. The central aim of Quakerism was to restore this ideal.

How truly in harmony with this belief are the lines of Whittier :

I pray for faith ; I long to trust,  
I listen with my heart and hear  
A Voice without a sound ; " Be just,  
Be true, be merciful," revere  
The word within thee : God is near.

O joy supreme ! I know the voice,  
Like none beside on earth or sea ;  
Yea, more ; O soul of mine rejoice,  
By all that He requires of me  
I know what God Himself must be.

### CANADIAN.

In many ways the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year is likely to be a more than usually important one to the Canadian people. Events of interest crowd each other closely, and claim general attention.

The great famine in India touched deeply the hearts of our people, and thousands of dollars have been forwarded to help alleviate the sufferings there, and the work is still going on.

The British Association meets in Toronto this summer, and the gathering of noted scientists is looked forward to with much interest. Toronto has become a noted center for important gatherings, and there is probably no place in America better suited for them. Its fine halls, its public buildings, its seats of learning, its interesting citizens, its quiet Sabbaths, unite to make it a favorite resort for moral, religious, and educational conferences.

The World's W. C. T. U. is to meet

in convention in Toronto in October. Preparations are already being made to entertain the large numbers of visitors who are expected to be in attendance at that time.

Lady Aberdeen, the very popular wife of our equally agreeable Governor-General, is earnestly promoting a "Victorian Order of Nurses" for the Dominion. She says : "The need that exists in country and remote districts throughout Canada for the services of trained, practical women as district nurses seems to be universally admitted, and there appears to be a very general consensus of opinion that no better national scheme could be devised for commemorating Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee than the establishment, on a permanent footing, of such an Order of public servants, whose patriotic mission it would be to meet this want." The movement is meeting with considerable success.

The proceedings in the House of Commons at Ottawa have been followed with interest by our people since the House met, and the interest reached its height on 4th mo., 22nd, when the new tariff bill was presented. The new Liberal Government were elected, and one of the Party's main planks was a reduction of the Tariff, or "Tariff for Revenue only." The new bill is somewhat in this line, undoubtedly, but its advocacy of preferential duties in favor of countries allowing our products free entry is its most noticeable feature. The debate is, at this writing, being continued on the subject.

We welcomed with more than ordinary favor the announcement of the treaty on arbitration between England and the United States, and have noted with regret, but not surprise, the action of the U. S. Senate in its efforts to so modify the bill as to practically make it of no effect. The present position of the powers that be at Washington, both in this case and in that of the Seal Fisheries, offers poor encouragement for the principle of Arbitration. C.