

At no time in the history of the Society, perhaps, have so many thoughtful and intelligent people—people of the highest culture and spirituality—outside our fold, turned toward the little sect of Friends, to know something more of that silent yet perceptible force, which has been transforming mankind wherever its influence has been felt. To God alone is due the glory, who by His Spirit has led our people to "Let their light so shine before men, that others, seeing their good works, have glorified their Father in Heaven."

The answer to the question, "What has Quakerism done for the world?" was taken mostly from outside authority. The conclusion of the address was as follows :

I shall not detain you much longer, but shall in a few words throw out some thoughts on Christian Union.

I do not believe that dividing Christians up into so many sects has been an unmixed evil. The bigotry and narrow sectarianism, which have been so evident at times in the past, were not, by any means, altogether the result of the system. They were the effect of a low state of spirituality—a lack of that love which alone draws us near to God. We professed to love God, but did not manifest it in our love of our brother. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." When the Spirit of God comes and makes His abode in this temple, there will be no room for hate there. That is the great need of the churches. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love, one for another.

No one sect has yet been able to comprehend the whole of Truth. Our conception of it is partial and varied, but together we have been able to reach the masses, generally.

We are now passing through a stage of deep and searching enquiry, and investigation. Quakerism courts such investigation. We are not anxious for the "trappings and the suits" of religion. Many of the old theories and

beliefs and traditions shall be shaken to the very foundation. But that which cannot be shaken shall remain. When all these non-essentials about which we have been quarrelling for centuries shall have been driven out and consumed, God, and Christ, and Truth, and love shall remain ; and when our hearts shall be their dwelling place, what then shall separate us? We shall become, indeed, one united whole. We shall comprehend the truth of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all mankind. The prophecy of old shall be fulfilled: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

#### NOTES BY THE WAY.

##### IX.

Since the publication of my notes I have been repeatedly asked in consequence of my referring so frequently to the crops of fruit, "Do they not raise the general crops of agriculture?" To which I say Yes, and from average statements of numbers of residents for a considerable period I give the following as the result: Wheat, 40 bu. per acre; oats, 55 bushels; potatoes, 240 bushels; and alfalfa, 5 tons per acre. Under irrigation a man can not farm successfully more than from 20 to 40 acres; if he has the capital and labor sufficient he may enlarge his range to any extent, but if farmers will reflect for one moment that with 160 acres under scant tillage and consequently small crops (not always the result of the weather and excessive heat) they can barely live they must surely see that from the same amount of labor expended on half the amount of land under irrigation they will receive the same amount of income at less expense and without the contingencies from weather and heat. In these articles I have referred more especially to fruit raising from its pro-