

whose lots have been cast there, seem to think they have little to be thankful for. My purpose is not to say much, but fearlessly unfurl my scroll and let it wave in the breeze of public opinion, leaving to God *his province to speed the right.*

May God make us willing in the day of His power, to stir up the slumbering embers of our zeal, and gather up and add thereto new fagots, that new life and light and warmth may be infused into ourselves, and silently radiate its influence everywhere, even as the sunlight warms unconsciously the shadowy vale. Come, with minds willing to work, let us build up the walls of our heritage and repair its waste places that we "*Hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*"

We are called Friends because Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if we do whatsoever I command you."

1. Then Friends who are taught more closely to understand the Divine requirings through the inner light—the still small voice speaking with the soul, showing a plain path for us to walk in, if we be but willing and obedient followers?

2. Who sooner recognized the fact, that there is no distinction of sex in religion, and voluntarily granted woman her God given place, her equal footing with men in *pulpit* and *pevu*?

3. Who hath the greater heroism, who is less free from cowardice, he who engages in a hand to hand fight, or he who endures Christ-like, patiently, the reproaches heaped upon him rather than wound or kill another.

4. What church organization hath greater freedom and privilege in upward growth and progress than the one not bound by a creed?

5. In what body of worshippers is there better discipline if lived up to?

6. Where do we find inculcated a higher or nobler individual responsibility than that induced by the educative power derived from the reception of "Immediate revelation" to the individual soul of man?

7. No denomination is more careful in the teaching of all practical virtues.

8. What ideal life is higher or more spiritual in faith, than the one which is taught to look to God, "Who teaches His people Himself," instead of depending upon outward minis'try?

9. No more perfect and beautiful *home* or *domestic* life, in all its relations, is to be found, than in our own beloved Society.

10. Marriage is not permitted to be rushed into thoughtlessly, every care being taken to teach the solemnity of such compacts; therefore husbands and wives, as such, begin life bearing and forbearing with each other, forgiving one another in love, never forgetting their vow *until death us do part*, consequently no divorce law obtains among Friends.

11. There is within the Society's walls, among all classes, a higher degree of general refinement, consequent upon the stricture laid upon tale-bearing and detraction, and the avoidance of questionable amusements and reading, noticeable even amongst those lacking the privileges of common education.

12. Friends are earnestly counselled to preserve their better life, by keeping out of the vortex of giddy *fashion* and to cultivate instead a meek and quiet spirit, which is immeasurably of more value, to the life that now is and that which is to come.

13. What peace and happiness is insured by the living up to Friends' advice and requirements, "not to engage in business beyond ability to manage," thus preventing occasion for bankruptcy.

14. Does any other code of church discipline reach so far in loving forethought for bereaft ones, as to enjoin upon its members the advisability of always being provided with *wills* or other instruments whereby their business can readily be adjusted.

15. The practice always among Friends of not wearing mourning apparel—the avoidance of show at funerals besides their adherence to