

grander conception of God. There seems to be a more intelligent understanding of God as the Creator and Governor of all things. There is more doing to-day for the good of the world than there ever has been done in the past. "Love thy neighbor as thyself"; this law is instilled into the hearts of the rising generation with greater earnestness than ever before; the average righteousness of the world to-day is better and purer than ever it was before; so far as can be seen, faith is not declining, the world is progressing towards a more Spiritual apprehension of Truth and a clearer understanding of man's freedom.

"O Lord, send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead us, and bring us to Thy Holy Hill, and to Thy Dwelling, that we may go unto the Altar of God, even the God of our joy and gladness."

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LEAVEN.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened."

Take, O soul, the precious leaven,
Hide it deep within thy breast,
Let it work, this plant of heaven,
Till its power arise confes'd.

Give it room, its action spreading
Thro' thy being every part,
By thy will and nature yielding,
Feels its influence in thy heart.

Let it work till leavened wholly,
Natu' e unto grace shall yield,
Rising to be pure and holy,
Christ's desire in thee fulfilled.

With the Bread of Life, thy longings
Shall be fully satisfied,
From thy store dispense to others,
Thus thy Lord is glorified.

Purge out all the leaven worldly
Lest His work be much deferred,
His command is "Be ye holy,
For I am holy," saith the Lord.

Where Christ's spirit can abide,
Sin can never lurk within;

All self-seeking lust and pride
Purge, and keep thy vessel clean.

Wait in peace, the heavenly leaven,
One to aid is watching near,
All for this His life was given,
It *must* prosper, do not fear.

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WHAT IS THE PRESENT TENDENCY OF ORTHODOXY?

Let us first consider the meaning of the word "Orthodoxy." Webster, the acknowledged authority on English definition, says: "1. Soundness of faith, a belief in the genuine doctrines taught in the Scriptures. 2. Consonance to genuine Scriptural doctrines; as, the orthodoxy of a creed." But he fails to tell us which doctrines are genuine doctrines, or which church or society holds the truest orthodoxy in its creed; so we are left to guess for ourselves, or depend on our own limited knowledge of the meaning of the word as used by the world at large. But before determining what is the present tendency of orthodoxy, it may be well to inquire whether the Society of Friends would like to be counted in the list of Orthodox churches or societies? Let us see, the word "Orthodox" is derived from two Greek words, one meaning "right, true," and the other meaning "opinion." Do Friends hold a right and true opinion in religious matters? Then are they Orthodox in the highest sense, and true language knows no other.

Ever since history began, in those early days when the church and the people were struggling amid darkness and superstition, yet reaching toward the light the summit of this mount called Orthodoxy has been the goal of their ambition. Surrounded as they were by cloudy superstitions, that had been handed down to them, and entangled in the meshes of their own imperfections, their progress was slow and painful, full of mistakes and cruelties. But when one with clearer vision than the rest saw beyond and above them a faint glimmer of light stream-