

state of being. I suppose that most of us are of the impression that we cannot enter into it until deprived of our physical life or state of being in this world; but according to the command it can, and it is our duty to find it. Then let us all make use of our blessed privilege of enjoying this happy state by minding the pointings of the good and kind and loving spirit (or mind) that is in us which is God's law to guide us right and which may be called the light that lighteth every man (woman included in this expression) that cometh into the world, for God is no respecter of persons.

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#### HOW BEST MAY WE PRESENT AND APPLY THE PRINCIPLES OF FRIENDS TO THE NEEDS OF THE WESTERN PEOPLE?

It seems to me one way to apply Friends' principles to the need of the Western people would be for, wherever a few families of Friends live in a neighborhood, to gather into a meeting of worship; if, when Friends move west, instead of going to other churches or not going to any place of worship, they would interest all the Friends near them, even though there should be only a family or two, to come and sit down together to worship the Father in spirit and truth, there would be a growth throughout the length and breadth of our Society.

Many meetings at the rise of our Society were formed in just this way, and more recently meetings have been built up the same way.

Another way is to have a more thorough knowledge of our principles taught to both old and young.

Parents have a great responsibility; it is not only their duty but privilege to teach their children the principles they so dearly love themselves. It should not all be left to First-day schools; parents and schools should work hand in hand; parents should

have a greater influence than the schools, because they are more of the time with their children.

Both by example and precept they can teach the beauty of our principles; example is above precept, yet precept is needed. If parents love our principles, as every Friend should, by beginning early the child will grow up to love and understand them.

I have often heard older Friends say when children they went to meeting, sat down in silence, and did not know for what. Now it seems to me the duty of parents is to teach the children why we believe in our several testimonies.

A celebrated Catholic once said: "Give me the children until seven, and in twenty years they would all be Catholics." Now this is the age when the impressions made are the most lasting, and before most children are sent from the parental roof to school. Oh, if parents could realize the importance of the right training of their children during these tender years!

By placing proper literature on our principles within the reach of every Friends' family—the *Intelligencer and Journal*, *Young Friends Review* and *Scattered Seeds*—if these three papers were in every family and read, they would go far towards educating Friends in our principles.

A little of my own experience in reading the first-named paper may not be amiss. When the *Intelligencer and Journal* came I used to think I could not possibly take time to read it. One year I resolved I should read every paper through I was just as busy as ever I was, but becoming thoroughly interested in the paper and keeping it handy, whenever I had a few leisure moments, the paper was soon read, thus very profitably filling up the spare moments.

Several think they have not time, but if we will just realize what great pains are taken in its preparation, as well as in the other two named; and as members of the Society of Friends we miss a great deal by neglecting to subscribe