

CONCLUSION

Mysia to an intimation from the spirit of Jesus." Then he referred them to Acts xvii., but you cannot put a thing like that in mild enough language to prevent giving offence.

"The old, blaspheming wretch," they thought, "does he think the spirit of Jesus has nothing better to do than to come about influencing *him*?" People shuddered when they heard it. Of course, when Paul's name is connected with such a circumstance it is different, for we hear the sound through an intervening wall of tradition, history, poetry, and it is so deadened, and we are so deafened at most, that we only half catch the meaning. And so they urged that he be turned out of the meeting, but many of them were still kindly disposed to him on account of his good character, and thought it would be better for him to resign and withdraw voluntarily.

That was also Hannah's opinion, but Enoch Willoughby said, "No, their action shall stand as a testimony against them," and he went on arguing and quoting Scripture until they became tired of it, and we might say tired out, when they formally expelled him and erased his name from the book of church membership; and the day on which that occurred Enoch Willoughby looked back upon with a kind of sad pride, and immediately after it became better friends than ever with all the old Quakers of the