

well as in the life to come. All men do not live this way. How are these to be restored. This must be accomplished by the voluntary act of the individual. This last thought was beautifully illustrated by the story of the prodigal son. Every one must work out his salvation in this way. God is love and only love.

This was a very powerful sermon, and is regarded as an able exposition of the doctrine of the church.

He was followed by Isaac Martindale, of Camden, N. J., who spoke for a few minutes about his great concern for the spiritual welfare of the young.

Wm. Parry announced that the afternoon meeting would convene at three o'clock and that a telegram had been received announcing the death of Elihu Durfee, of Hoopston, Ill., a prominent minister and a former member of this Society.

This being the regular day for mid-week meeting, the morning was devoted to worship. The house was comfortably filled with Friends from home and abroad. Some few visitors from other denominations were present.

Service opened at 10 a. m. with a few remarks by Isaac Martindale, of Camden, N. J. He was followed by John J. Cornell, of Rochester, N. Y., on the text "God is love." He opened the sermon with these words: "God is love. The first duty of man is to love God and next love to his fellow man. While in these two statements all branches of the church theologians hope that for the past hundreds of years have been formulating creeds, the fundamental idea of which is the fear of eternal punishment on account of original and committed sin. The speaker entered his earnest protest against these doctrines. God is unchangeable. The Great Teacher preached, Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. It was not "repent or be damned." Jesus came among the people a man with all human infirmities, and is our great example of obedience to law as revealed to the

heart of man direct by the Creator himself.

Repentance is a turning from sin. Love and not fear is the great motive held out in the Bible for repentance. Man was created with a conscience. It was not necessary for him to wait 4,000 years to know right from wrong. Does God, as shown by most of the systems of theology, seem to be a God of love? The plan of salvation, as shown by them, has a tendency to belittle God. A careful study of the Word of God will show that God did not wait so long to perfect a plan of salvation. If he did, how was Abel's sacrifice more acceptable than Cain's? The doctrine of restoration by repentance was established in the beginning. This discourse all the way through was to the effect that the great duty of man is to love God; that God is a God of love and rules through no other motive. He who loves God with all his heart will have a great love for his fellow men. This sermon was a very able effort, and like the one of Sunday was well received by the Friends.

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