

estimation rather than the *over* estimation of another's worthiness

Of course, we think that our opinions are correct; we forget that a great many persons think just the opposite. Because a person's manner or style does not please us is no reason for the inference that that person is not pleasing and congenial to other people. We will observe that it requires great strength of mind and heart to struggle against adverse criticism. We sometimes forget that men and women differ by nature, and that, by the unavoidable circumstances of human life, they present every possible variety. The individual who is *willing* to do, and to be, needs all the help that he or she can get, in the way of encouragement. In many instances people who have put forth efforts at not a little sacrifice, have been hampered by an unwise critical spirit. It never seems to occur to some minds that life is a school, wherein, if the individual be active, receptive and faithful, he cannot help "growing." "By their fruits ye shall know them" No one can work *successfully* if his motives be wrong therefore we have no right to question a person's motives when his actions "bringeth forth good fruit." Let us bear in mind that a perfect life is not attained in a day. "Life is growth;" no organization emphasizes this fact with greater stress than the Society of Friends. Let us, therefore, exercise our thoughts in drawing forth what is good from every earnest and well appearing effort, remembering that "faithfulness, the fruit of good motives, means something else beside doing what is easy and pleasant. There are *doubtful* moments when we do not know what we can do or what we ought to do. Well, no one else can decide for us. It remains for each individual to interpret his or her capabilities and seek his or her "field of service"

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PAUL OR CHRIST?

"I suffer not that any woman teach,
Or bear the message of the Lord's good will;

Let her keep silence—she hath no call to preach—

'Tis hers to learn and modestly sit still."

Thus the apostle. Yet the risen Lord,
Waiting beside the newly-broken tomb

For messenger to send with His first word

Unto the church within that upper room,
Chose but a woman with a loving heart,
(Oh! fair her feet with those glad tidings shod):

"I am arisen, and I now depart
And go unto our Father and our God."

Did Christ make some mistake, that first by her

The truth and light of resurrection shone?

He, Mary chose to be His messenger;
Would Paul have sent St. Peter or St. John?

—LILLIE E. BARR.

THE INNATE BASIS.

God so loved the world that he made every provision requisite for the comfort of every creature, in and on the earth; and his omni-presence is the intrinsic prescription for the maladies of the soul; the only genuine remedy for man's salvation. And the divinely inspired portions of the Bible connecting us with omnipresent help, guides mankind homeward, and is the only portion of the Book that has intrinsic, vital value and substance.

Come up to the mount of spiritual attainment and God will teach us essential ways in the field of man's comprehension, where our efforts are rewarded in submissiveness to his loving administrations; which we do not enjoy in the low lands of our nature.

Evangelization is not all accomplished in the pulpit. Men in their daily vocation, transacting business as they'd be done by; lead by the best in them, and ruled by the scale and measure of justice—obtain physical and spiritual equity, in oneness with the Regulator, whose regenerating influence is felt by all in contact with this