

We are living now in an age of Quakerism that was inaugurated by the Quaker Renaissance at the close of last century. The movement known as Evangelicalism was not great enough to cover the whole of life. The spirit of enquiry which showed itself in scientific discoveries and inventions is the outstanding feature of the nineteenth century, a spirit which must be comprehended in a religious re-awakening.

When the historian a hundred years hence writes of this Renaissance he will estimate how it was helped by the Scarborough Summer School of 1897, the first of the Friends' Summer Schools, and he will tell of a young prophet of the movement who lived again the experience of those Quaker pioneers. He was thrilled with a rediscovery of Christ, the Light, and of the high adventure of service. He recognised that that service called for all the God-given powers of man, intellect no less than emotion and will. Illuminated by that Light he dedicated himself to God's service in the house that he had chosen on the edge of the moors, in sight of the wolds.

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### Allusion and Illusion

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In the "Advices on Ministry" we are advised to be careful not to misquote or misapply the Scriptures.

As to *misquotations*, if what is quoted does not sound familiar we are apt to think that it is taken from a rendering of the original by some individual translator.

There are some curious examples of *misapplication*. We have three in mind, each connected with the liberation of Ministers for service. One, quite familiar to Friends of last century, was the use of the words in reference to Christ's riding into Jerusalem on an ass, applied to the Minister and quoted as "Loose him and let him go."

In the Journals of Elizabeth Fry there are two curious examples of quotation and misapplication. When Elizabeth Fry came before the Morning Meeting with her concern to visit France, "Many Friends gave approval in Scripture reference and language. After meeting Carolina Norton said she believed as Jael was the means of destroying Sisera by running the nail through his head, so I should be helped to destroy the infidelity where I was sent that that which was said of Jael might be said of me, where it says she was blessed among women and showing what she had been enabled to accomplish"!

On a later similar occasion one Friend quoted the text: "Fear not, thou worm Jacob"!