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CONTAINING ALLUSION TO THE RISE OF FRIENDS AND
TO SOME OF THEIR TESTIMONIES.

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"Incline your ear and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."—ISAIAH 55:3.

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“THE kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for the joy thereof, goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant-man seeking goodly pearls; and when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

The object of the following work is to invite to a timely and careful consideration as to whether the treasure thus compared to the kingdom of heaven has been found, and whether enough has been parted with to buy it; or whether the pearl of great price has been found, and enough parted with to secure it. For it must prove a great mistake in the end, for any to be found to have been holding an imitation of the right treasure, or the semblance of the true pearl, and the intrinsic value not prove to be therein; inasmuch as no imitation of this invaluable treasure, or of this pearl of great price, will pass at, or gain an admittance through, the pearl gates into the mansions of everlasting felicity.

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HOW AND WHEN FRIENDS BECAME A PEOPLE.

THE apostle Paul, in addressing the church of God at Corinth, queries, "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" and writes, "Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence."

Sewel, in his "History of the Society of Friends," a work which he was more than twenty-five years in preparing, tells us that "the Quakers, so called, became a great people under heavy oppression; and that they did not become so by any human power, or by making resistance; but merely by a harmless deportment, and the exercising of patience; for the bearing of arms, and the resisting