I believed it best to avoid - but just as the Y.M. was closing that afternoon, I rose & said, "In the fear of the Lord & in ardent love to all now assembled, I feel constrained to express my conviction that the noble testimony always borne by this Society to the universal & independent influence of the Spirit of God upon the minds of men - & of the primary character of this influence as the very spring of all true knowledge of divine things, will never perish or fade away from among the children of men - & I have the same conviction respecting the immediate teaching, guidance & govt. of Jesus Christ by his spirit in his church, which I regard as the root of all those practical testimonies respecting worship & conduct, into which we are gradually led. May we maintain these new testimonies with one mind & one accord - remembering that they are in perfect accordance with the corresponding doctrines of the full divine authority of the Holy Scriptures & of the propitiatory sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the sole ground of our hope of acceptance with God, & of everlasting Salvation. And may we by the intelligible language of a devoted & consistent life & conversation, show forth our adherence to the Truth, the whole Truth, & nothing but the Truth, as it is in Jesus!"

The meeting closed in great solemnity. All day - evening call writing my letters & sundry interviews which did not all exactly answer. & the end thereof was a night of bodily toiling & mental conflict - scarcely sleeping. Morphine - But yesterday through infinite mercy, the heavy burden that rested on my spirit was thrown off - a full, clear, & close time in the ministry at the North meeting in the morning - "He setts an example that we should follow his steps". Dined at Mr. Pease's. Went heavy laden to Orange St. in the afn. - a free open meeting notwithstanding all bonds & obstructions. Coffee the evening meeting a precious time with Rutter, Jones, Sp. Taylor & L. - Tea & Evening at Dr. Lloyd's. Then stood to unfold the doctrine of the Spirit to a large circle. a precious evening. Returned home in peace. Then I was further cheered by a note from E. Pitt, who had borne a noble testimony in the last sitting of the women's Y.M.