

who are in the habit of going to Meetings, ~~there is~~
 one of leaving their children at home, and also
 cause of much concern and exercise, it being
 assuredly believed, that while this is our
 conduct we cannot expect to receive much
 advantage from attending our Schools; it is
 holding back part of our portions and as
 this produces temporal death formally;
 it will continue to bring spiritual death upon
 those who fall into the same unfaithfulness.

Our Blessed Saviour declared that in love to the
 Creator, and to one another, consisted all the substance
 of the law and the prophets. This was felt to be the sovereign
 remedy for all our maladies; there is an attractive power
 in it which binds society together, and which regulates
 it far better than coercion. Under this influence, our
 minds would be preserved from a disposition to talebearing
 and detraction, as such a disposition cannot subsist
 under the full dominions of love, the distinguished character-
 istic of which is, that it worketh no ill to its neighbour.
 Friends were cautioned against the practice of spreading
 evil reports, which often shelters itself under the mask of
 an affectable concern for the offending individual. "If thy
 brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault
 between thee and him alone." This is the Christian duty, and
 in the performance of it, he will find himself blessed;
 he will grow in grace and in love and will become

an instrument of good to others, and be enabled readily to say
 come brother, come sister "Let us go up to the mountain of the
 Lords, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of
 his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

The pious tendencies of an healing ministry were seen
 not to be confined to their public discourses, but were equally
 discernible in their writings. Friends were cautioned against
 reading or encouraging works published under the ostensible
 motive of religious concerns, but with the real object of worldly
 fame or emolument. However plausible the reasoning of such
 publications may be, we ought to bear our testimony against
 every thing of the kind, which does not proceed from the only
 source of genuine purity, - the divine spirit. Thus by dwelling
 deep, under the dominions of that power, which brings
 all who submit to it, into order and harmony, and by keeping
 the several ranks assigned us in the Church, by appointment
 of our divine Lord, we should in truth become what we
 were designed to be, as a city that is set on a hill which
 cannot be hid and our light would so shine before men
 that others seeing our good works might be led to glorify
 our father which is in heaven."

The meeting having been engaged in the considerations of
 the state of Society and having proceeded to the end of
 the Quire, concluded to adjourn to 3 o'clock the afternoon

Near the time adjourned to, friends again assembled.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were
 read.