

in a peculiar manner, the influence of the Love of the World, and the perishing things of it, was seen to be, in many instances, the occasion of numerous deficiencies, and particularly in leading to a neglect in the attendance of our Religious Meetings, and to the lukewarmness which covers the minds of many, when assembled with their Brethren and Sisters, for the solemn purpose of Divine worship; by which means those occasions, that might be experienced to be seasons of deep instruction, and of unspeakable enjoyment, become to such lovers of the world times of heaviness and restraint, and even objects of aversion; not being prepared to enter into a united labour with their Brethren and Sisters for the gaining of that life, which is the crown and diadem of our Assemblies, they partake not of those consolations which are liberally bestowed upon such as diligently occupy the gift, mercifully and universally bestowed upon all. Such inconsistencies between our profession and conduct cannot escape the notice of our Offspring: to them these become a shame; and a discouragement to honest inquirers, who may be looking towards us, as waymarks in the paths of righteousness.

The attention of the Meeting was also most impressively called to the deadly and desolating influences of Detraction, which, as a poison circulating through the bosom of society, destroys all unity and fellowship, lays waste that love which is at once the true badge of Discipleship and the fountain of consolation; and is amongst the most powerful engines in the hands of the enemy of righteousness, to scatter and to destroy

the peace and harmony of Religious Society.

The Meeting having been engaged in the consideration of the State of Society, and having proceeded to the end of the Queries, concluded to adjourn to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

According to adjournment, Friends again assembled.

Information having been communicated to this Meeting, that our friend W^m Foster, jun^r, now on a Religious Visit to this country from Great Britain, and who attended this Yearly Meeting in the year 1820, and produced a Certificate of unity and concurrence from Friends in England, with his proposed visit to this Continent, is expected in a short time to return to Europe; and he having made a very general visit to the Meetings of Friends throughout this Yearly Meeting; Gerard T. Hopkins, P. E. Thomas, Isaac Wilson, and John Livingston, were appointed to prepare a Certificate expressive of the satisfaction of Friends with his Religious Services amongst us, and to produce it to a future sitting.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read.

A vacancy having occurred in the Meeting for Sufferings, by the death of Elisha Wyon, who was appointed to that service on the part of this Meeting—Amos Barnes, Caleb Bentley, and W^m Brown, were appointed to propose to a future sitting the name of a suitable Friend to succeed him in that Meeting.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to consider the propriety of reading in this Yearly Meeting, or publishing, the London General Epistle, produced the following Report:—viz:—