

Ans^d 12th. Friends appear to be generally careful to place their children for tuition under the charge of Teachers in membership with us.

X Having on the present solemn and interesting occasion been made deeply sensible, that the great head of the church, in the extensions of his never-failing goodness and Mercy, has at this time graciously condescended to afford a renewed evidence of the continuation of His paternal regard and care over us, under the precious influence whereof our minds have been baptised into a near and affectionate unity with each other, and a living concern has been witnessed for the present and everlasting welfare of our beloved brethren wherever situated.

copy The foundation upon which our Society was originally gathered into a religious community was Love: Love to God and love to each other. As this pure and Heavenly principle continued to maintain an ascendancy over their affections, it necessarily led them into a watchful and faithful care over each other and to diligent attendance of their religious assemblies to their mutual refreshment and encouragement. Under the government of the same Divine influence far from falling into a careless indifference, in relation to the attendance of our religious meetings, we should also delight to assemble ourselves together, and would not fail to reach the rich reward of that blessed harmony and unity which is the indissoluble bond of peace.

The circumstances in which we are now placed calls for great circumspection and care over ourselves and over each other. Our blessed Lord and master when he inquired of one of his Disciples "Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these," and when he was answered "Lord thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee," replied "feed my sheep." Thus we find in this memorable circumstance a striking illustration of the Design effect of Divine love upon the soul which never fails to lead all those who are

X obedient to it to maintain those heavenly tempers and dispositions which are inspired by the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world."

g An earnest and deep concern has been felt that we, in our present tried situation, may walk consistently with the high and holy profession which we are making in the eyes of the world, and that we may in our lives and conversation exemplify the sincerity of our profession, by bearing with meekness & patience, whatever trials and besetments may await us. — Our gracious redeemer hath himself declared "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the Prophets before you." We are also instructed by the same divine authority, not to return evil for evil, but to do good to them that hate us, "for if ye love them which love you what thank have ye." May we therefore redouble our diligence, and by drawing near to the fountain of everlasting life witness its purifying operation and come to experience for ourselves individually, an increase of the knowledge and peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and gain an establishment in that glorious faith which alone can purge from dead works and enable us to serve the living God.

Then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 O'clock

According to adjournment friends again assembled

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to extend ^{of necessity} care to our subordinate Meetings reported that they had paid such attention as they deemed necessary to the objects for which they were appointed. They were released.

The minutes of the Meeting for sufferings were read.

The Committee on Indian concerns produced the following Report which was read and the Committee were continued to the service, to wit,

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee on Indian concerns report that no way has appeared to open