

are brought together of which the temple of the Lord is built, where his holy influence and presence are felt, and his pure worship known to our unspeakable joy.

A concern was felt that all our members may experimentally know our religion to be an active principle, rendering those who are blessed with the possession of it, better qualified to fulfil all the duties of life, temporal and spiritual. Its activity is distinctly recognized in that encouraging promise to the servants of God; "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." This promise is clearly to those that wait upon, or serve, the Lord - that do whatsoever He requires of them. Now this service is what should constitute a portion of spiritual work in meetings for worship, to labour for a qualification, to love our enemies in sincerity, to bless them that curse us, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that despitefully use us, and persecute us. True worship glorifies the Father; and herein is the "Father glorified, that ye bring forth much fruit": and "the fruit of the Spirit, is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," and these require continual cultivation under direction, and in the service, of the great husbandman. And it was earnestly desired that all may feel concerned, not only to attend diligently religious meetings, but manifest by their gentleness, kindness, and love, that they are serving the Blessed Master.

Friends were impressively reminded of the necessity of watchfulness against the insidious desire for artificial stimulants. This desire was seen to arise from a disordered state of the system - that it had been too much exhausted by bodily or mental labour. And its great preventive will be found in that tranquil and composed state of mind which results from frequent communion with the Divine Spirit.

Friends were encouraged to be faithful in the support of our testimony against the custom of war, and all military preparations.

This righteous testimony is founded, not only on the doctrines of Christ, declared in his sermon on the mount, but on the nature and spirit of the Christian Dispensation. Christianity as taught and exemplified by the Son of God, is emphatically a religion of love; it ascribes glory to God in the highest, and breathes "peace on earth and goodwill to men."

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him." The effect of Divine Love, when cherished and obeyed without reserve, is to cast out, or subdue all that is opposed to its own nature; there can

be no enmity or strife where it prevails, for he who loves God supremely, is led, by the same principle, to love his neighbor as himself; and while under this holy influence, he is more willing to suffer injury than to inflict it upon others.

The meeting was introduced into a living exercise - on account of some deficiencies noticed in the answers to the queries - on the subject of Justice in our mutual intercourse; and it was seen that a strict adherence to this Divine Principle, will not only lead to the performance of all right engagements, but will, also, lead us away from the feeling of selfishness into the exercise of a righteous and tender regard for the interests of our fellow men.

The condition of our brethren of the African race has been brought before our view as a subject of deep and painful interest.

While we deplore the wrongs to which they are subjected, we feel the necessity of watchfulness and prayer that we may be enabled to bear our righteous testimony, in the meek and peaceable spirit of the Lamb.

Our position is one of peculiar difficulty and high importance, for if we imbibe the feelings and views which generally pervade communities where slaves are held, we may gradually lose our sense of the injustice and deplorable consequences of slavery; but if on the other hand we allow the wrongs inflicted upon them to produce in our minds an undue excitement, we may become unfitted to bear our testimony in that spirit of meekness which alone can render it effectual.

The condition of the free people of color has also claimed our sympathy.

Subjected to many of the degrading influences which slavery exerts upon their race, mostly debarred from the privileges of education, and supplied with few incitements to industry - we can scarcely expect from them a higher intellectual and moral standing than they have attained. May we, therefore, exert our influence and manifest our sympathy, by acts of kindness, calculated to encourage them in the education of their children and the improvement of their moral condition.

The standing committee on the Fair Hill Boarding School Property, produced the following report viz:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The committee having charge of the Fair Hill Boarding School Property report

That since last year nearly all the amount (\$700.00) which they then informed the Yearly Meeting had been subscribed for the purpose of putting the buildings in a suitable state of repair for the accommodation