

that the promise of the Divine Master to be in their midst, was to the two or three who were gathered in his name.

However great may have been the blessings dispensed to the Church by means of a living Gospel Ministry, we are assured that no outward ministry is indispensable to our growth in the spiritual life; Robert Barclay says of his experience in this respect, "when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power amongst them which touched my heart, and as I gave way unto it, I found the evil weakening in me, and the good raised up." Many of the present day can bear testimony to the interesting truth, that though the numbers may be small on these occasions, the Gospel stream is often felt to flow sweetly through the heart, and the promise of the Master's presence with all rightly gathered assemblies is joyfully realized, and known by the breaking of the bread of life to the hungry soul.

Friends were earnestly invited to come more fully and unreservedly under the teachings and guidance of the spirit of truth, in all their duties and transactions of life, in a full conviction that Godliness is profitable unto all things; and that careful attention to the limitations of truth in temporal business, will preserve from such desolating extravagances and entanglements as have been recently experienced. By giving up the heart fully to serve the Lord, we would be enabled to bear the many precious testimonies which were borne by those who have gone before us, upon the same ground of conviction that they did; and our minds would be kept so continually alive, as to discover the approach of the enemy of our soul's peace, under all its varied and specious transformations.

We have at this time been introduced into a lively concern for the preservation and spiritual advancement of our younger members. Among the many temptations to which the young are exposed, the pernicious publications which abound in the present day, and the example of depraved associates, have been shown to be exceedingly seductive and dangerous. In order to guard against these, they have been earnestly enjoined to select for their reading those books only that will enlighten the understanding

and improve the heart; and in their intercourse with the world, to turn away from profane and impure conversation, which, by corrupting the innocent mind, prepares it for that downward course which leads to misery and ruin. It is our earnest desire that this interesting class, every where, by the early surrender of their wills to the Divine government, may be prepared for the enjoyment of that true and permanent happiness designed for them by a gracious Creator, which happiness cannot be experienced unless the moral and spiritual faculties be cultivated, and the government of Christ be established in the soul.

The frequent perusal of the sacred volume, was also earnestly recommended to all, as a means of religious improvement, which, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, has been blessed to many.

The following report from the standing committee on the Fair Hill Boarding School Property, was received and read and was satisfactory viz:

The committee having in charge the Fair Hill Boarding School Property, have again a favorable report to make of the present condition of the Property and School.

The average number of pupils has been about fifty, with an increased number of Friends children at the present, when compared with the preceeding term.

Since our last report the School Room has been enlarged, and bath rooms added at the expense of the occupants, thereby promoting the comfort and health of the occupants.

The offer noticed in our last report of educating an additional Scholar, gratuitously, to be selected by the committee, has received its attention, and two of this description are now enjoying the benefits of the Institution.

On behalf of the committee.

Richard T Bentley Clerk.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to bring forward the names of suitable Friends to constitute a meeting for sufferings, produced the following list, which was offered, and the Friends therein named, were accordingly appointed to the service viz:

Edward H Stabler	Samuel Townsend
John Needles	Thomas P. Stabler
Benj P. Moore	Daniel Pope
Thomas Matthews	Israel J. Grahame