

1861 the conscience and illuminate the mind, proclaimed no new doctrine; for it is the same that was taught by the Holy Jesus and his disciples as a reprover for evil and a comforter in righteousness - the grace of God which bringeth salvation and hath appeared unto all men.

The great and important duty of attending all our religious meetings, was earnestly and affectionately enjoined upon us all as an acknowledgement of our allegiance to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, which when performed with sincere desires to grow in the truth, will be graciously owned by the Master of all rightly gathered assemblies: and it was testified, that when the live coals are thus brought together, the flame of devotion ascends more brightly and our hearts are warmed with divine love. If our religious meetings were held under this holy influence, it would have a tendency to draw others to come and sit down with us in our silent meetings, and to acknowledge that our communion is with the Father and with the Son and one with another.

The injunction to "let brotherly love continue" was brought to our remembrance under a deep feeling of its importance to the welfare of our Religious Society, and we were encouraged to seek for a "closer walk with God" remembering the declaration "to that man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word."

How much soever we may differ in our opinions, if our hearts are filled with divine love, we shall labor to preserve the unity of the spirit, as the bond of peace "in honor preferring one another" and being willing to suffer rather than contend.

The consideration of our important testimony against war brought a deep exercise over the meeting accompanied by a desire, that this righteous testimony may be faithfully maintained by our members. The times we live in call loudly on us to abstain from

everything calculated to encourage this desolating evil now sweeping over our land, mingled with the wail of the widow and the orphan and the groans of our countrymen.

We were reminded that we have fallen on troublous times in regard to the welfare of our Religious Society, for the deep interest manifested by many of our members in the contest now unhappily raging in our beloved country, may gradually alienate their minds from the peaceable principles inculcated in the precepts of Jesus, and exemplified in his life. While we cannot be indifferent spectators of things passing around us, in which we have so deep an interest, we earnestly desire that Friends every where may give evidence that they are followers of the Prince of Peace - that they have an abiding faith in the protecting power of our Heavenly Father, and that he will not suffer his dependent children to be tried farther than he gives ability to sustain.

The right education of our children, and their preservation from the corrupting influences to which they are too often exposed, have again claimed our attention. Parents and guardians were earnestly exhorted to set before them examples of purity and holiness, for without these precept and exhortation will be of little avail.

The practice of collecting our families at suitable times for reading the Holy Scriptures and waiting on our Heavenly Father to seek the guidance of his Spirit, was feelingly recommended as a means of promoting the spiritual welfare of both parents and children.

On the subject of the Christian Ministry, a lively concern has been felt, that all who feel themselves called to appear as ambassadors for Christ may wait for the anointing of his Spirit, which alone can prepare and qualify them for this solemn service.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to bring forward the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee for the service mentioned in the report brought up from Harroton Quarter proposed the following Friends who being united with by the meeting,