

1876. as set forth in the Third Inquiry, claimed the serious consideration of the meeting, and many minds were dipped into sorrow, that so many lambs of the flock should be exposed to the blighting influence of corrupt conversations. There is a store-house in every mind, which will be eventually filled with either the good or the bad. The best and surest way, therefore, to prevent pernicious reading, is to provide reading matter for our youth, suited to their capacity, which will be elevating and profitable. It was truly cheering to us that our testimony in regard to intoxicating liquors, as manifested in the answer from the subordinate Meetings, has been so fully maintained, and it becomes doubly so when we remember that this testimony is nothing less than total abstinence, as a beverage, from all that will intoxicate. The young were feelingly admonished to be on their guard, lest the insidious tempter should lure them from the paths of sobriety and piety.

In regard to a blessing ministry, a living concern was felt, that we maintain this testimony in its purity, not, however, by preaching a crusade against a paid ministry so much as by the attendance of our little Meetings, we evince that we realize the truth of our profession, that we need not that any man teach us, only, as the holy and blessed anointing teaches all things, and fills our hearts with the aboundings of that love which ever goes forth freely to others in the inviting language, "Come brother, come sister let us go up into the mountain of the Lord."

An exercise was also expressed in relation to the Gospel Ministry, and a desire that those of our members who are or may be called to that important service may not be unfaithful; although the openings of the Spirit of Truth upon their minds may at first call for the utterance of only a few words. All true disciples are taught in the school of Christ. The inspiring word operates by impressions made on the minds of the sincere seekers after Truth, which being received in humility, there is a growth experienced and the various gifts imparted are improved by exercise. Every good

1876 and perfect gift cometh down from above, from the Father of Lights, and no praise or glory should be attributed to the instrument through whom he works for the good of mankind.

The clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of Extracts from the Minutes of our proceedings, together with those of our Women Friends and the Epistles received at this time from other Yearly Meetings; also the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Representative Committee of this meeting on the subject of International Exhibition, printed for distribution among our members. The Treasurer was directed to have them forwarded by mail or otherwise to the correspondents of each of our Monthly Meetings as early as practicable.

William Wood, Edward Stabler, Jr., T. Burling Hall, Eli W. Lamb and Edmund Blackburn were appointed to assist the clerk in revising and preparing the Extracts from the minutes for publication.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's Account, produced the following Report, which was approved by the meeting, and Thomas Russell, then named as Treasurer, was accordingly appointed for the ensuing year, to whom the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their quotas of the Yearly Meeting Stock at as early a day as may be.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The committee appointed at a former sitting to examine and adjust the Treasurer's Books and Accounts, etc., report that we have examined the same and find them to be correct, with proper vouchers in his hands for all expenditures. The receipts and expenditures since the date of the last report are as follows: