

1879 <sup>born</sup> and for this cause came I into the world, that I might bear witness to the truth." And that this truth to which he bore witness is an ever living principle, ready at all times to guide us aright, giving us the spirit of discernment and judgment. Were we acting under its influence we would be glad to meet together, in order that we might strengthen the hands of one another, thus our meetings would be better attended, and the church of Christ would become a power in the land. This church was compared to a wall, in which the small and large stones each have their appropriate place. That in the eye of the Divine Father, the member with one talent is as precious, and when acting under his influence, as useful as the one with ten talents; and that where all are cemented together by his love, they make a foundation on which it is always safe to build. Many concerned minds were led to point out to us the great beauty of true holiness, and we were encouraged to renewed diligence in our efforts to avoid right hand and left hand errors as we pursue our journey through life. A close watching with God will gradually unfold to the mind the realities of his Kingdom, so that those spiritual truths that concern the soul's welfare will become more clearly apparent each day of our lives. Thus, step by step, we are led from the lower to the higher, from earth to Heaven, and thus prepared to give up the transitory for the eternal.

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The minds of Friends were called to the importance of bringing the deficiencies of conduct and conversation of our members to the notice of our subordinate meetings in such a manner as to awaken a concern in them, as it was believed that it might be the means of arousing a feeling that would lead to good results in treating with, in Christian love, a class of members who rarely attend our annual assemblies, but which is often the cause of the lameness of the answers to the queries. The absence of many dear friends, with whose faces we had familiar, with the knowledge that death had removed them from amongst us, was a cause of sadness to many. We missed their valuable counsels and warm greetings of friendship. But as they had been faithful in their day, we have an assurance that all is well with them. And we have faith to believe that the spirit of the Divine Father is at work in the minds of

1879 the rising generation, and that in His own good time and way. He will call and qualify others to fill their places.

33 An essay of an Epistle to the Yearly Meetings, with which we correspond, was produced by the Committee appointed at a former sitting, which was approved. The Clerk was directed to transcribe it, sign it on behalf of this Meeting, and forward a copy to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, Seneca, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, respectively.

Essays  
to  
Epistles

34 Levi M. Lamb and Edwin Blackburn were appointed a committee to assist the Clerks in revising and preparing the extracts from the minutes for publication.

Committee  
to assist  
Clerks

35 The Clerks were directed to have 2500 copies of the Extracts from the proceedings of this Meeting, together with those of Women's Meeting, and the Epistles received at this time from other Yearly Meetings, printed for distribution among our members.

Extracts  
to  
Epistles

The Treasurer is directed to have them forwarded by express or otherwise, to the correspondents of our Monthly Meetings.

36 Having been favored during the several sittings of this Meeting to feel the presence of the Most High to be near, and His love to encircle us, under which blessed influence, we have been enabled to transact the important business which has come before us in harmony and brotherly condescension. Desiring the preservation of and spiritual growth of one another, we now conclude to meet at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine will.

Levi H. Brown,  
Clerk