

1881 To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, propose a sum to be raised to meet the expenses for the ensuing year, and nominate a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer. report: That they have examined the receipts and expenditures of the different Funds belonging to this body, (now in his custody,) and find them all correct. The amount on hand is \$1,330.⁷² subject to drafts from the Educational Committee of \$900. leaving a balance of \$430.⁷² applicable to the general expenses of this Meeting.

Report
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We recommend that \$1,000. be assessed to meet the expenses for the coming year and that Edwin Blackburn be appointed Treasurer.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Richard T. Bentley
Thomas H. Matthews.

Baltimore Eleventh Month 3d 1881.

Which was read, and was satisfactory, and Edwin Blackburn, therein named, was accordingly appointed Treasurer. The Quarterly Meetings were directed to forward their quotas of the sum proposed to be raised, to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, as early as practicable.

26. The Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting was now read, to our edification. Its interesting contents elicited an earnest exercise, that spread over the Meeting, and deeply instructive and feeling testimonies were borne against the great evils of intemperance and the use of narcotics.

Epistle
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Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon

Fifth Day Afternoon

About the time adjourned to. Friends assembled.

1881 27 The Committee appointed on Second day morning, to endeavor to embody some of the Exercises of the Meeting in a suitable minute for publication in our Extracts, produced the following, which was read, and was satisfactory, viz:

Our annual gathering has been favored with the company of a number of valuable Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have been edifying and instructive.

As an examination of our spiritual condition is always an advantage, and often a necessity, the propriety of answering our queries occasionally, becomes apparent to all. On entering into an examination of the State of Society, as exhibited in the answers to these, the Meeting was introduced into a deep exercise, and much valuable counsel was given.

It was clearly shown, that as objects of God's creation our first duty is to Him. To perform this duty properly it is necessary for our mutual strength to assemble together for social worship.

To make this acceptable, it is not necessary to have ceremonial forms, or even a vocal ministry, (helpful as this often is,) for to the true follower of Christ, who is desirous of living in accordance with the Divine will. He will always reveal Himself through the impressions He makes upon the seeking soul. The light thus shed upon the mind is that power of God which George Fox advised Friends to always hold their meetings in. And where two or three are gathered together, and come under its influence, there the highest worship is performed. This truth was beautifully alluded to, and illustrated, and Friends were advised to keep up their little meetings in that faith that knows no discouragement.

Our Yearly Meetings were compared to a lake whose waters are made up by the little rivulets that spring up in the wayside places. If the waters of these small streams are pure, then will the body be so, but if a part of these becomes polluted, it affects the character of the whole. As love to God naturally creates a love for the workmanship of His hands, a man cannot love God as he should and hate his brother man,