

1882 elusion that there is a want on our part of abiding in the True Vine, that we may be prepared to bring forth fruit to the honor of the great Husbandman. And important among the fruits of the Spirit is the walking in the path of obedience by the parents and heads of families, in all honesty and uprightness, in temperance and moderation; being diligent in business and fervent in spirit; not neglecting the assembling ourselves together for the purpose of waiting upon God for the renewal of strength to do His will. And by those who are younger, that they may bear in mind the need of remembering their Creator and wait upon Him for counsel.

We desire to caution ^{our} fellow members against the improper and hurtful indulgences, and the tendency to extravagance, common amongst those who are not careful to seek for Divine counsel and direction, leading many to make excessive effort in business, and even to exceed the bounds of honesty in venturing beyond their means, which frequently results in failure.

There was increased concern manifested, that our children may receive a guarded education, that they may be instructed by well qualified teachers, in membership with us, in order that they may grow up with such a knowledge and love of our principles, that they will remain with the Society and become its future standard bearers. A caution, however, was given that to be true standard bearers does not depend on education alone, but on a submission of the will to the preparing hand. We were earnestly exhorted to be careful in regard to whom we entrusted so important a matter as the education of our children, and not, for mere charity's sake, place the moulding of the future character into incompetent hands. We must ever remember that the young mind is comparatively a blank sheet, on which will be written a life of purity or a life of shame. The faculties of the mind, whether intellectual or moral, are, in the child, so many germs, which it is the mission of education to develop, by checking the tendencies to evil, and stimulating a vigorous growth of the good; educational systems, therefore, are the result of necessity, the offspring of a natural want, and just in proportion as they satisfy that want, and cherish the good, and guard the

1882 tender emotions from the blighting influence of sensual indulgence, will they perform their great mission.

The same Committee produced an essay of an Epistle to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which was read and 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, Genesee, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois respectively.

35 The Meeting now directs that the Representative Committee appointed at this meeting, shall meet in this house, this evening at 7 1/2 o'clock, to organize.

36 The Clerks were directed to have 2,200 copies of the Extracts of the proceedings of this Meeting, also those of Women's Branch together with the Epistles received from the other Yearly Meetings, and the Memorials read this day, printed for distribution among our members. The Treasurer is directed to have them forwarded as early as convenient, by Express or otherwise, to the correspondents of our Monthly Meetings.

37 The Committee appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing the Extracts for publication, are authorized to select from the proceedings of the First Day School Conference such matter as they may deem appropriate for publication, in pamphlet form, and have them distributed with the Extracts. They are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the expenses so incurred.

38 Thankful to the all-wise Father for his condescending goodness that has blessed us during the several sittings of this Meeting, we now, with earnest desires for increasing faithfulness and brotherly love in the future, conclude, to meet at the usual time, next year, if consistent with His holy will.

Levi N. Brown
Clerk.

Michael Offley
Recorder