

1884. may be had by the committee when desired.

The more attention we give this subject, the more fully are we convinced of its importance and of our duty to labor for the extermination of the great evil of intemperance, and for the elevation of our race. Our rate of progress seems slow, and we are led to inquire "will our desires in this regard ever be accomplished?" We know that evil can only be overcome with good, and hence our united aspirations are, that individually and collectively we may walk more closely in the light, the light of experience and the light of revelation.

Experience teaches the danger of handling an unclean thing, and revelation exhorts us: "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright, at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." (Prov XXIII - 31, 32.) In taking a retrospective view of our field of labor, while there is much to sadden, there are yet many things to cheer. Many of our younger members are coming to the front, bringing fresh energy, and the signs of the times are favorable. It is a great and a grand work that we have undertaken. Let us hope that more earnest workers may enter in, and that all may recognize the fact that of ourselves we can do no good thing, but ever looking to the Father of all, for counsel and guidance, giving to Him all honor for the good that may be done.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Thomas E. Taylor.
Mary E. Moore,
Joseph J. Janney.
Edwin Blackburn,
Caroline R. Hull.

Which was read and approved and the sum of two hundred dollars appropriated for the use of the committee the ensuing year. As there are a number of vacancies

1884. in the Committee, a nominating committee was appointed to confer with a similar one of Women's Meeting, and bring forward to a future sitting, the names of Friends to serve as a standing Committee on this momentous subject.

17. A concern for the welfare and condition of the large body of uneducated white and colored people in some of the Southern States, was feelingly opened in this meeting. Much sympathy and interest in behalf of this people was expressed, and after due consideration the subject was referred for further action, to the Committee of this Meeting on Philanthropic Labor.

18. The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited by the reading of the Answers to the Queries received from the constituent Quarterly Meetings; and proceeded with the reading of the First Query and the answer thereto. Much excellent counsel was given forth, encouraging all to greater diligence in the important matter of attending our Religious Meetings.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Third Day afternoon.

Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

19. The joint committee appointed yesterday on the subject of the sale of our property on