

1884 from other Yearly Meetings has been acceptable and cheering to us. The bearing and labors of the former, recall the language "how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that bring good tidings, that publish salvation."

Our inquiry into the state of Society discloses short coming in the attendance of Meetings, though some places in our heritage show an improvement herein. Talking comfort in this, the Query arises: Is it not, where the contrary is the case, that there is wanting that Divine Love, which, when it prevails in the human heart, brings happiness to the home, peace to the neighborhood, and a desire to meet with our fellows in social religious worship? Under the operation of this principle we have been reminded that tale bearing will not be permitted to enter our fold, and there will be a disposition to magnify the virtues of our associates instead of their defects.

Minute of Exercise 888. We have been encouraged to a frequent reading of the Scriptures of Truth as containing the experience of spiritually minded persons in past ages of the world, and especially the life and teachings of the blessed Jesus. We were also reminded of the ever living presence of the power that gave them forth, and that it is by simple obedience to its requirements that we are to experience that salvation from sin on which the happiness of immortal souls depends. This will regulate the life and keep it in harmony with the Anchor of our existence. A ministry that tends to stir up the pure mind by way of remembrance, and awakens the soul to newness of life is that to which we are to look for an increase of righteousness in the earth.

The reports of our Committees on Temperance and other humanitarian work, show that their labors have been extending in new directions, and give promise of favorable results.

The deplorable condition of ignorance that still prevails among large classes of people in our Southern States, awakened a concern in the meeting, and the Committee on Philanthropic Labor was directed to appoint a sub-com-

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The Committee appointed to visit subordinate meetings, report much labor performed in the field assigned them, and believe it to have been attended with encouraging results.

We are encouraged to believe that the First Day Schools have been productive of good, as the attendance of our meetings since their establishment has increased. Especially is this noticeable on the part of the children.

32. The Clerks were directed to have 2200 copies of the Extracts from the Minutes of our proceedings, together with those of Womens Branch, also the Memorial and the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings and the proceedings of the First Day School Association, printed for distribution among our members.

The Treasurer was directed to forward these to the Correspondents of our Monthly Meetings.

33. The Meeting now directs that the Representative Committee meet this evening at 7 1/2 o'clock for the purpose of organization, &c.

34. A Memorial of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, approved by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, concerning our deceased Friend, William John Thomas, was received from the Representative Committee, read and approved. The Clerks were directed to sign it and return it to the Representative Committee to be recorded.