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impress upon the countenance of nearly all assembled, and the words of counsel received the undivided attention of the audience, bearing evidence of the Father's presence amongst us.

The Youth's Meeting held on the afternoon of the same day was thought to be a profitable occasion, giving ample evidence that this comparatively recent organization, the Firstday School, is having its desired effect and has become a great nucleus to the body, enlisting in the work the old and young alike throughout our borders, and it is certain that the good seed there sown has germinated and is now bearing good fruit.

Minute of Exercises
We were told that our Society has yet a work to do and that there is a work for those who are interested in the amelioration of the condition of mankind; that as our ancestors labored so zealously to secure the freedom of the African, we should not relax in our efforts, but labor, if possible, with redoubled energy toward securing equal rights to the Indian, the Red Man of the forest, and his elevation to American Citizenship.

The interesting Conferences under the care of our Firstday School and Philanthropic Committee gave evidence that the work entrusted to them was in the hands of faithful standard bearers who are deeply interested in the different branches of labor assigned them.

A forcible and deeply instructive address on Thursday evening, by Aaron M. Powell, of New York, on Social Purity, imparted the information that Friends were not relaxing their efforts to protect the boys and girls of the land from the baneful influences of the evils that surround them.

Upon entering in examination of the state of Society, the topics below were deliberated upon:-

The subject of temperance claimed the earnest and serious consideration of the Meeting and the opinion was expressed that while there are those amongst us who are engaged in the sale of spirituous liquors, if we wish to appear before the world as a band of earnest faithful advocates of all that pertains to the welfare of the human race, we must labor to extirpate this evil from our midst and then, and only then, will our hands be strengthened to appear in the proper light before our Executive and Legislative Bodies, to seek their aid in effecting its suppression. Friends were counseled against the use and cultivation of

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Tobacco, and gratitude was expressed that there was so little cultivated by our members.

Love and unity appear to prevail amongst us. The injunction was handed forth, that he who is at variance with his brother should be willing to humiliate himself in order to effect a reconciliation.

The usual neglect was noted in the attendance of our mid-week meetings, though we are encouraged in our belief, that, strengthened by the stimulating influences of our Firstday Schools, our meetings on Firstday are better attended.

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Much interest was manifested by the Meeting, in regard to the care and oversight of our isolated members, and the thought was suggested that if those who change their location would communicate their place of abode to the correspondent of the Monthly Meeting to which they belong, they might be furnished with such Friends literature as would be profitable; and our subordinate Meetings were also advised to address them occasionally messages of love and unity, evincing to them that, though absent, they are not forgotten.

Friends were encouraged to read the Scriptures of Truth, and the guarded education of our children, in the manner sought after, appears to be mostly observed.

It was proclaimed that while we are here, while the day lasts, it is for us to be deeply concerned for others as well as ourselves.

Our hearts were deeply touched with the information brought before us of the great depletion in our number, during the past year, throughout our own and other Yearly Meetings, in the removal by the hand of death of so many valued members, and we can but entertain a deep feeling of gratitude that their daily walks in life bore ample evidence that they were fully prepared for a higher life beyond.

And in saying farewell we extend our gratitude unto our own beloved It hitler for the following:

There are those who take note that our numbers are small,
New Gibbons, who write our 'Decline' and our 'Fall';
But the Lord of the seed field takes care of his own,
And the world shall yet reap what our sowers have sown.