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co-operation in their effort to induce the editors of the various journals of our land to desist from publishing, in their papers, so much that is poisoning the minds of both old and young; and much emphasis was put upon the necessity of excluding those so-called "Sunday papers" from our homes, they being considered the most objectionable.

We have had lively and interesting Meetings on the subject of Peace and Arbitration, as well as Temperance, and have been earnestly advised to use our influence in every way practicable to promote peace and prohibition in our country, it being the duty of every Friend without distinction of sex, to work in these directions with voice and vote.

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of
Exercises

It was a source of comfort and relief to the Meeting, that the Committee to consider the proposed changes in our Book of Discipline made a report, that with few verbal alterations, was unanimously approved. This satisfactory conclusion of a subject that has been before Friends for several years, was mentioned as another evidence of the value of time in deliberations; there being wide differences of opinion when the subject was first introduced, which gradually disappeared after due consideration, until entire unity seemed to prevail in the Committee.

The visits and messages of love delivered to us by our sisters in several of our sittings have been very edifying to our best feelings, and we hope the advice given us ^{as} to our domestic duties as husbands, fathers, and brothers, will be taken to our homes and become a part of our future lives.

We are still rejoiced to be able to report our membership to be about the same number as last year, and much gratified that there have been no disownments during that time.

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The Special Committee, representing this Branch, and appointed to prepare a reply to the Epistle received from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, and Indiana, now reported the result of their labor in the premises.

Upon being read and considered, the reply was fully approved and directed to be transcribed, signed by the Clerk of this Branch, and forwarded to the Yearly Meetings named; they convening in separate session.

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Assessed
Balance
of cost of
Parliament
of Religion

One of the Representatives of this Yearly Meeting to the late Parliament of Religions, held in Chicago, laid before the Meeting a proposition to pay our proportion, as assessed, of the unpaid balance of the cost of conducting the department of the Parliament devoted to this Branch of the Society of Friends. The proposition was united with and our Treasurer was directed to pay the sum of seventy dollars to the proper representatives of the said Parliament, when called upon to do so.

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The Committee on printing, etc., was directed to have printed 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this Branch, together with the proceedings of Women's Branch, the Memorials presented and read, the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, extracts from the minutes of the proceedings of the Representative Committee, the proceedings of the Firstday School Conference, and any additional matter that the Committee may, in its judgment, deem of interest to our members.

The Committee are also directed to have prepared for the use of our members a sufficient number of printed slips containing the full text of the changes of Discipline, so arranged that they may be inserted in the proper places in the present edition of our Book of Discipline.

Our Treasurer is hereby directed to have the usual number of copies of our proceedings, when ready for distribution, forwarded in the usual manner to the proper representatives of our Monthly Meetings, and to pay the bills for the same, upon the certificate of the Committee on Printing.

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The Standing Committee on Absent and Isolated Members Report made the following report, which was read and approved on Isolated Members

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:
The Standing Committee on Isolated Members report they have remembered their absent brethren and sisters in the far West, as those elsewhere, and have continued to send them the proceedings of our Annual Meeting, also other reading matter as opportunity offered.

The directory of our members recently published, will