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Twelfth Query— Are Friends careful as far as practicable, to place their children for tuition under the charge of suitable teachers in membership with us?

Twelfth Answer. Friends are careful, when practicable, to place their children for tuition, under the care of suitable teachers in membership in our Society.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Fifthday, Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Meeting re-assembled at this hour.

39 Our friend Levi L. Benson, of Ohio, was set at liberty, at his request, to make a visit to Women's Meeting.

40 The Joint Committee appointed to prepare a suitable reply to the Epistles from those Yearly Meetings now convening in Joint Session, submitted a draft of a reply, which was read, duly considered and approved and ordered to be transcribed, signed by the Clerks of both Branches, Women's Branch concurring herein, and transmitted to the Yearly Meetings of Genesee, Ohio, and Illinois, respectively.

41 The Committee appointed at the session of Secondday last, to collect and embody in the form of a minute, some of the Religious and other exercises of our several sessions, now submitted the following, which was read and approved and ordered to be printed with our proceedings for the benefit of our absent and isolated members.

Minute of Exercises.

To our Absent Members.

Dear Friends:— Whilst we are enjoying the presence of many dear Friends at our Yearly Meeting, we would rejoice if many of those who are absent could be here, to share with us the Spiritual feast we are having.

Our Meetings for Worship have been attended by

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many Friends, and others not in membership, and have been seasons of interest and deep instruction to those present.

We have been reminded, that it is all important for us to adhere strictly to our fundamental principle; that of the Light of Christ made manifest to our minds as a means of salvation; and although we belong to one of the smallest organizations bearing the name of Christian, our influence has been felt, and if we are faithful, may continue to be felt throughout the length and breadth of the land. This influence has been beautifully compared to the dropping of a pebble in the lake; while the pebble itself is lost from view, the ripples it makes upon the surface, will spread from shore to shore.

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Much concern was felt and expressed, upon considering the Queries and Answers that relate to the attendance of Meetings, and love one to another. We were reminded of the injunction, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and were asked if we did not individually feel that we owe something to our organization; and to examine ourselves, to see if we are doing our whole duty, when we absent ourselves from our little Meetings at home, and also whether it would not be better to offer ourselves a living sacrifice, saying in our hearts, "here am I Lord, do with me as thou wilt."

The reports of the Committees having charge of the different branches of work in which we are engaged, have been of much interest to us, showing a lively concern on their part, for the relief of suffering wherever it may be found, and the spread of Truth and righteousness in the earth.

Our Meeting has been baptised into deep feeling by the reading of the testimonies of some of our constituent Meetings, concerning dear Friends who were with us in the Church militant, but who have now passed to the great beyond, to be seen of men no more; we trust, to the Church Triumphant. Many feeling tributes were paid to the worth of these dear ones, and our minds were made to reflect that, we too, will sooner or later, hear the call; "Steward, give up thy stewardship," and an earnest desire, that when the call may come, in his own good time, who doeth all things well, we may be ready to hear that other joyful language: "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." We have been appealed to, by our Sisters, for our