

1894 are urging upon our members. And we were encouraged not to be satisfied with merely reading of great and beautiful thoughts when called upon for sentiments in our Firstday schools, but that we make them our own by storing them in our minds; then in drawing from the rich store house of memory, we more fully absorb the life and spirit which the words symbolize. This might cultivate the ability to express clearly the inspiration arising in our own hearts, thus having the teaching ingrafted into our character and life.

Report
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Committee
to
Collect
Exercises.

The work now going on in this Meeting under the head of Philanthropic Labor, is, in importance second to none, and is a practical carrying forward of the work queried after in our Book of Discipline; and we desire these efforts to do good and help our brother man, wherever and whenever we can; and we hope, with the encouragement we have had from our visiting friends, as well as the good work reported by our own Committee, that we will go home with renewed zeal, and not relax an effort to carry forward this great work to the honor and glory. We were pleased to see the hearty and unanimous support of this Meeting to the efforts now being made by our Sisters to purify the Public Press, and, as it was expressed in this Meeting, there are a great many ways in which we can lend a helping hand. Do not let us forget this, Friends, but each one do what little he can to help this good cause along.

The reading of the two Memorials of our beloved friends, Abel St. Hull and Harlington Hoopes, called forth many tributes of love, and the prayer went up from many hearts that we might live as close to our God as they did, and that our lives, like theirs, should preach that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We have been furnished this year with a great deal of valuable thought—first, that we do not so much need the experience of the past as the experience of the present; that whilst the example of good people of other years may be helpful to us, we must live and act in the present. We must accept the talent that God has given us, whether few or many, and without murmuring, in co-operation with the promptings of the spirit upon us, use them to His glory; and as the basic principle of the Christian religion, as we understand it is love, and whilst it primarily is in God, is with God, and is God, hence must come from Him, enables us to love Him supremely because He first loved us, and gave us of His Spirit and nature, to bring us into touch

1894 and fellowship and oneness with Himself, then when we submit without resistance to the influence of this love, and become co-operative with it, we become instruments in His hands, fully equipped and qualified to proclaim the glad tidings to our fellow men, that "our Redeemer liveth, and because He lives, we live also."

Our Meeting was much exercised while considering the Queries and Answers relating to attendance of meetings and love one to another.

One dear brother suggested that our meetings for Discipline, as well as for Worship, should be held on the first day of the week, so that our dear young people would more likely be in attendance, also that our business meetings should be of a more spiritual character as well as our meetings for Worship.

Another dear friend felt to thank our beloved Master that his parents insisted he should attend our meetings for Worship and Discipline when young. And now, dear friends, with hearts filled with the great love of God for you, our absent members, and all mankind, we bid you adieu!

33. The Joint Special Committee appointed to prepare a suitable form of reply to the epistolary evidences of love and fellowship received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, now produced a proposed form of reply to the Reply Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, and Indiana; they convening in separate session. The Committee also submitted a draft of a reply to the Epistles received from the Received Yearly Meetings of Genesee, Ohio, and Illinois; they now meeting in joint session. The replies offered by the Committee were read, carefully considered, approved and directed to be signed by the Clerks, and a copy sent to each of the Yearly Meetings enumerated.

34. 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 their judgment, deem of