

concern has been felt that our absent members might derive through this medium some of the benefits of the exercise which has prevailed during the consideration of the State of Society within our limits. We are pained dear friends, deeply pained that so much of a want of that ardent love which we owe to God is still apparent amongst us leading to the neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings. We have but little that we can offer in return for the many blessings he has conferred upon us and shall this little be withheld? ourselves and all that we have are from the Lord: and shall we prove so ungrateful and so insensible to our present and future happiness as to continue to let the love of this world, or the warmings, or any other hindrance, prevent our assembling for the purpose of divine worship. Divine worship is the highest, the noblest and the sweetest duty and privilege of man. Here the soul finds comfort and strength to support in the hour of trial. Here the knowledge of God is imparted, whom to know is life eternal. Here is rejoicing in communion with the Father of Spirits. Here is feasting on the bread of life and drinking of the wine of the Kingdom.

May we dear friends more prize these opportunities. May we be diligent in attending them. And then if our hearts are rightly engaged, if they are fervently directed to Him from whom help comes he will in his own time and way bless the provision of Zion and 'satisfy her poor with bread'. He will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams, wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. Then shall the language be known to be sanctified. Fear not thou Jacob for I am with thee be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. And then under an humbling sense of the goodness of our Lord and with right apprehensions of the duties of our calling we shall see the benefit of obeying the injunction of his servant 'Brethren let us love one another, for love is of God. This fruit of the Spirit will be conspicuously manifest among us and thereby we should be known to be the followers of Christ, according to his own declaration 'By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one unto another'. Nor would other fruits of the Spirit fail to show themselves if we were the faithful children of our Father in Heaven. The rich in this world would be

ready to distribute willing to communicate laying up for themselves a good foundation against the time to come that they might lay hold of eternal life. The heart having its treasure in heaven would be concerned to keep that uppermost in view and the earth and its possessions would have but a secondary estimate in our affections. The use of our talents would be directed toward truth and righteousness and the glory of God. All would be consecrated to his service and our engagement of soul would be to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks unto the Father through him. Children would obey their parents and parents would instruct their children, teaching and admonishing them in all wisdom and so hastening the day when Israel and Israel's offspring should be one people to the Lord. The diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families would be conducive to this end. The knowledge of those sacred writings would be blessed to our children and our servants. Their memories would be stored with a treasure not only producing present good but which would in the case of our youth accompany them to advanced life, when blessed perhaps with an honest and rightly concerned heart they would be favoured to know these early impressed truths, sweet to the soul and enlightening to the understanding through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Thus should we be built up into a temple fitted for an habitation of God through the Spirit. The Lord would arise upon us and his glory would be seen upon us and unto us the language would apply 'this people have I formed for myself they shall show forth my praise'.

And now, Brethren whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report: if there be any virtues and if there be any praise think on these things and do them and the God of Peace shall be with you.

A vacancy having occurred in the Standing committee on Indian Concerns by the decease of our late friend Nicholas Opplein, Joseph Townsend, Isaac Brooks, Mr Procter, and Joseph Balanquh were appointed to confer together and nominate to a future sitting a friend for that service. They there also desired to nominate one or more friends for correspondents within the limits of Monthly Meetings, to sign