

513 In considering these Answers to the Queries, our absent members have been reminded with prayerful interest. We desire that there may be a united travail, and exercise throughout our borders for the building up of the waste places, and that a sense of the responsibility of maintaining our Society as a living Church in this part of our land may rest seriously upon each one of us. Precious principles and testimonies have been committed to us as a people, and we shall be accountable to our Lord for all that has been entrusted to us.

The regular attendance of all our Meetings was affectionately and earnestly pressed upon us. The attendance of those in the middle of the week may appear to be at some sacrifice, but experience has shown that the Lord's promise is fully verified, "seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." The blessing of the Lord must be sought for to crown our lives, even in temporal things. We want more faith and dedication. Abraham believed God, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness.

We were exhorted to give more time to private retirement and prayer, to the diligent and prayerful perusal of the Sacred Volume and to religious intercourse with each other; with such experience as this we would elapse and grow in Grace, be living witnesses for Christ; and our meetings would be seasons of refreshment and edification to us and to our neighbors.

The dear children were affectionately and prayerfully remembered. A Special meeting was held with about forty of them between the ages of five & sixteen. May they heed the gentle voice of their loving Saviour, who would have them to be lambs of His fold. We would encourage parents and concerned Friends of all ages to watch over the religious and intellectual training of the children, that they may grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

A concern was expressed that all heads of families may be in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures, collectively, with a devotional pause, and that they may not be unfaithful if they feel drawn to pray vocally on these occasions. In such simple acts of dedication, we acknowledge before our families our daily need of the care and protection of the Lord over us, and receive his blessing. Our moral duties were urged upon us. May we uphold them all upon Christian ground. The sin and crime of intemperance was strongly dwelt upon; may we not be satisfied with a negative testimony against this great evil, but also seek to exert an influence for good upon others.

514 We have been much interested in the efforts now being made by all the Yearly Meetings, including our own, to enlighten the public mind upon the evils of war, and we desire that our members may individually be careful to uphold this important testimony. May the reading of this brief outline of the exercise of the Yearly Meeting, at our homes, and in our meetings, revive in our hearts prayerful desires to be living members of the Church of Christ, living branches of the vine, bearing fruit to the praise of the great Husbandman.

11. John Scott, on behalf of the Committee to name a member to fill the vacancy in this Meeting's representation in the Meeting for Sufferings, proposed Jonathan Dennis Jr. which was united with, and he was appointed accordingly; and our Clerk was directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this Minute.

12. A concern arose in the Meeting, and it was fully united with, to appoint in the love of the Gospel one or more Meetings during the ensuing year, as way may open in the Truth, to promote the spread of the religious principles and testimonies upheld by us, especially in neighborhoods where we have small meetings, and where meetings of Friends were heretofore held.

The following Friends were appointed to report to a future sitting suitable names for the service, viz: John Scott, James C. Thomas and Richard M. Ganney.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock to-morrow morning

21st of the month and 4th of the week.

The meeting assembled in joint session.

13. The London General Epistle was read to our comfort and edification, and in order that our absent members and others may have the benefit of its perusal, the Meeting directed one thousand copies to be reprinted for distribution, and appointed Miles White and John C. Thomas to attend to the printing and distribution.

14. The following report from the Committee on Indian Concerns was read, and was satisfactory to the meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting:

"The Committee on Indian Concerns present the following report furnished us by the Acting Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, in relation to our joint establishment among the Shawnees:-

The School has been kept up during the past year with an average attendance of thirty-three scholars. Their general conduct and advancement in literary knowledge have been satisfactory. The Meeting for Worship has been regularly kept up. But little sickness has occurred among the pupils the past year.