

If we make it our rule to read first what is profitable and instructive, we shall not find leisure for that which is trifling and pernicious. In this respect we have a serious duty towards the young. Let all reading matter of a corrupting character be kept out of their way. Correct principles should be instilled into their minds by parental influence. The first-day School libraries should consist solely of books of a pure, truthful and Christian character. It is desirable to cultivate in our youth a taste for natural history or other scientific and elevating pursuits, which, instead of ministering to a morbid appetite for romance, open before the mind the infinite goodness and greatness of the Creator.

We were introduced into much exercise respecting the mode of attending places of diversion, with an affectionate desire that all our members may be wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

The rapid increase of horse racing and gambling connected with agricultural fairs, called forth the necessity of Christian circumspection, and the propriety of withholding all countenance and cooperation, with such fairs, whilst so conducted as to draw aside and educate the popular mind in vice and demoralization. It was felt that a prominent part of the mission of this Society is to maintain a blameless example, practically illustrated by daily life, the precepts of the gospel. In this connection a concern also prevailed that all should discourage and abstain from every incipient step leading towards intemperance. This subject was felt to be highly important as a question of morality connected with our eternal interests, and also in a national point of view, to be the fruitful source of pauperism, insanity and crime.

The report of the decease of a beloved father and elder in the Church in his 92d year, deeply affected us in the remembrance of the many beloved fathers who, in their day of dedication and service were even us in the Lord and admonished us, being pillars in the House of the Lord and greatly beloved for their works sake, respecting whom the words are applicable "whose faith follow."

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this P. M.

Friends met near the time adjourned to.

22. The following Report from the Committee upon the Treasurer's account was read and united with, and the Subordinate Meetings were directed to raise their respective proportions of Cost, and pay them to Isaac Brooks, Jr., Treasurer.

"The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, report that they have examined the same, and believe it to be correct; with quotas all paid in, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Two hundred and seventy-eight dollars and fifty-five cents, (\$278.55) and recommend that the sum of \$400 be raised for the ensuing year."

On behalf of the Committee.

M. T. Milliken.

23. The following Report was read, and the Meeting for Sufferings was directed to submit to the Yearly Meeting, next year, such revision of the Discipline as it may deem necessary.

The Committee upon the Revision of the Discipline report that they have given the subject some attention, and believing that more than verbal alterations are required, would propose that the subject be deferred for the present, or that the Committee be directed to present a more full revision. A number of unbound sheets of the Discipline have been bound for the use of families in want of them.

On behalf of the Committee.

James Carey

F. T. King

James C. Thomas

Baltimore, 10th month, 22d. 1870

24. The Committee on Endorsements present a form of one to be placed upon the Minutes of Friends in attendance, which was united with, and the Clerks were directed to endorse them accordingly.

25. The Committee to name a Friend to fill the vacancy in this Meeting's Representation in the Meeting for Sufferings, in the place of John Griffith, deceased, proposed Daniel P. Hamland, which was united with, and he was accordingly appointed. Our Clerks were directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

26. The following minute, received from Indiana Yearly Meeting, claimed our consideration. It was fully united with, and our Clerks were directed to furnish Indiana Yearly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

"Last year four Quarterly Meetings, situated in the States of Kansas and Missouri, united in the request that a Yearly Meeting