

conceal our religious feelings too much from each other, especially in our families. The ties of nature are rendered more dear through love that is sanctified by grace; close, personal Christian fellowship is one of the blessings and gifts especially bestowed upon the Church by its blessed Head. Dear should govern us also in our daily intercourse with the world, "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" speak every man truth with his neighbor.

The training of our children by example and precept was much dwelt upon. The consciences of little children are very tender, and their faith in their parents very strong. Our very countenances often make an impression upon them. Early teach them the truth as it is in Jesus, ground them in the saving fundamental doctrines of the Gospel. We cannot over estimate the importance of this in early life, before they begin to reason and come in contact with the speculations and temptations of the world.

We would warn our members against the corrupt conversation of the world; do not give countenance in any way to improper conversation or filthy jokes when unexpectedly thrown in the presence of those who indulge in them, they are corrupting to him who tells and to him who hears.

Our increased concern was felt last year, that our members may be faithful in their testimony against intemperance. We are convinced that with the peculiar temptations of our nation, there is no sure safety short of total abstinence from all that would intoxicate. Intemperate drinking is most insidious and dangerous. We believe, we are called to more active public labor in this cause, in our several neighborhoods, for the evil and sin of drunkenness is fearfully spreading.

We have been greatly encouraged by the increased attendance of our members, of all ages, from the country, and their presence has added much to the interest and benefit of the meeting.

We trust we shall all return to our homes and meetings with renewed resolutions to sustain our organization, and give of all our strength, whatever the labor and time may be, for it is richly worth them all. The Church is one of the appointed means to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth, and we are bound to give our spiritual strength to that cause of it, where our lot has been providentially cast.

We believe the Lord has had a special work and mission for this people, and we believe He still has it, and that a renewed call is going forth from Him, and He will qualify His laborers with grace and reward them with His joy and peace.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

25th of the month 24th of the week.

The meeting continued pursuant to adjournment.
15 The London General Epistle was read to our comfort and edification, and that our absent members and others may partake of the benefit of its perusal, we direct 1,500 copies to be printed for distribution, and we appoint Jas. C. Thomas & Thos. L. Huxford Jr. & Jas. P. P. to attend to the printing and circulation.

16 A memorial of our late beloved friend Mr. Griffith, issued by the quarterly meeting, was and approved by the quarterly meeting, was read from the meeting for suffrages, with a minute, informing us that it had been carefully read, and examined by this meeting, and fully united with. The reading of it in this meeting has freshly, and feelingly, brought the life and services of this aged father in the Church to our remembrance, and made us realize our great loss, but his gain, gathered as a shock of corn fully ripe.

The memorial was fully and feelingly united with by this meeting, and we direct it to be printed with our minutes. (See Appendix)

18 The following report from the Committee on Peace was read and approved, and we direct our Treasurer to forward to the Treasurer of the Peace Association \$250. our proportion of the \$5,000 needed for the ensuing year. The Committee was continued.

Report of the Peace Committee

To the Yearly Meeting

We have no active service to report upon the part of our local Committee the past year, but we submit a very interesting and satisfactory report of the Peace Association of Friends showing the extent and character of the work the past year. We recommend that \$250. our proportion of the \$5,000 be raised for the work of the Association the ensuing year.

We would also encourage our members to apply to the Association for Peace Tracts, and other publications for distribution.

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed) Jas. C. Thomas, Clerk.

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(See Appendix for Annual Report)