

announced, we have we kept something back; are those who have not entered into covenant with their Lord attentive to the convictions of the Holy Spirit in their hearts on such occasions, and do they lift up their souls in prayer, and if any who are burdened with sin should come in, would they find life and warmth and sympathy, and realize that it is a worshipping congregation?

And more than this, our Meetings should in each neighborhood seek to fulfil all the duties of a Church. Let us who should they maintain a testimony to the promises of our Lord to meet with those assembled in His name, to minister to them immediately, and to be their Mediator through whom acceptable worship is offered to the Father. But they should also afford teaching in Christian truth to those who need it. In some of our country Meetings there is no minister and worship is performed in silence to the blessing of the souls of true spiritual worshippers. But for the sake of others, hungering for the truth, as well as for mutual edification, it is incumbent that Friends meet also for scriptural instruction, even though there may be few or no children belonging to the Meetings.

If Friends, still unengaged, would thus meet, read and examine together portions of Scripture, asking in fervent prayer for the illumination of the Holy Spirit, they would be enabled mutually to instruct each other and exhort, to instruct those who should be invited to meet with them. Souls are chosen to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth; and a church is bound to diffuse a knowledge of the truth, in faith and with prayer, that the Holy Spirit will apply and bless it.

Thus others would be converted through such meetings and as the members wait upon the Lord from week to week, for the true knowledge of His revealed truth, we believe numbers would be added up in such Meetings who would proclaim the glad tidings of salvation, and Meetings instead of dwindling would be revived and enlarged.

Love here be maintained among us. We must love one another. Let not the love of any be stumbling-block to others. The Apostle Peter says "as that ye love one another with a pure heart, fervently."

In consideration of the 3^d query, much concern was expressed in regard to the proper training and education of our children. If we wish to draw them to Christ we must do so to Him ourselves - if we thus lead our children to the Saviour when they are very young, they will follow us, and when we see the Holy Spirit working on their hearts, we should encourage them with our sympathy and prayer. The maintenance of family worship and study of the Bible in private, also the prayerful reading and study of the Bible in private. The future welfare of our children depends largely upon the piety of the parents towards them.

Now the literature that comes into our families be directly guarded. Books are not dead things, their authors speak to us. We should be as careful of our reading as we are of our companions. If doubts arise, or we feel harm from them, cease self-denial and lay the book aside. There is now a large class of reading that is calculated to shake our faith in Divine Revelation and in the character of Jesus Christ as Son of God. No stronger denial of these views can be made than in the Christian Church to manifest in the lives of its members the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ, which alone meets all the needs of our fallen and sinful nature.

The subject of intemperance claimed our sincere attention, and we have sent down to our subordinate Meetings a special minute in reference to it.

Now the Lord of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded, one toward another, according to Jesus Christ; that ye may with one mind and one mouth, glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24. The Committee to report the name of a member of the Meeting for sufferings, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of our late friend, Richard W. Rimmer, proposed Joseph P. Elliott, which was approved of, and he was appointed to that service. Our clerk was directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

25. The Committee to supervise members of the Committee on Missions, made the following report, which was united with us:

The Committee appointed to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as a Joint Committee on Missions, report the following - with the recommendation - that said Committee be allowed to use their best judgment in the distribution of the funds committed to their charge.