

simplicity of life, which the Gospel requires; they have endeavored to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and have encouraged them to read the Holy Scriptures.

4th Answer—We believe our testimony to a free, holy, ministry has been generally maintained.

5th Answer—We believe with a few exceptions Friends have maintained our testimony against the use of all intoxicating liquors, and have avoided timorous behavior, and frivolous and dissipated places of diversion.

6th Answer—The necessities of the poor have been inspected, and when occasion has arisen relief has been afforded.

7th Answer—Friends children have been placed at schools, and when practicable, at schools under the care of Friends.

8th Answer—We believe Friends maintain a faithful testimony against Batts, Military Service, Conscription, Trade, High Goods, Lottery and Slavery.

9th Answer—Friends have appeared to be careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or engaging in hazardous or speculative trade. We believe they have been just in their dealings, and generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

10th Answer—Care is not always taken to deal with offenders seasonably, but when done, it is in the spirit of meekness and love.

11th Answer—None.

12th Answer—None.

The meetings have been marked by much interest and feeling. The religious meetings have been precious to many, and the Gospel has been preached with power, while our business meetings have been rendered very interesting, by the reading of reports from the standing committees upon various departments of Christian Work.

In coming together as a church, we have remembered that we are a representative body;—

we represent the smaller meetings and families, scattered over a large territory;—we also represent as a united body to the world at large, the special mission of our society, which its origin and history, have placed beyond all question. This involves stern-fold responsibility. It involves the care of building up our own Society Meetings, of strengthening those places where there are but few to labor of giving mutual assistance and co-operation, and it also involves our work in the organized gathered Church of which the Lord Jesus is the Head. It gives great power and blessing when we are united for this work in prayer, dependence and service.

The realization of this will strengthen us greatly in our Christian lives, and qualify us to be living members in the Church which we have been providentially placed in.

We were earnestly and affectionately encouraged to attend our mid-week and business meetings as well as those for divine worship. The organization and care of the churches was an important part of the work of the apostles, and it is still essential to their growth and efficiency. There is no true Christian unity outside of the restraints of the Holy Spirit. When we truly trust our Saviour and know his will, we have liberty in the Truth, and it makes us free—free from our own weakness and sin, and from the fear of man. Whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin.

Much counsel and concern was expressed that we might be faithful in all our religious duties, and be witnesses for our Saviour before man. The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in private and with our families was much dwelt upon.

In conclusion we would extend words of encouragement to our members, in that the Lord has remembered us at this time, and during the past year, by the outpouring of his Holy Spirit, and in sending glorified messengers into our neighborhoods to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We are cheered also by witness of the work of grace in many hearts. The interest which our young members have shown in Christian and benevolent work, a better attendance of our meetings for discipline, and the extension of the religious influence of our meetings in several districts. Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to be renewed morning & meet in joint session with them in Friends.