

worship is often neglected. Those of us who are alive in Christ should enter into communion with Him, & as we do thus the Lord will teach us that we have service for Him. Some are not Christians and the Lord visits the hearts of these and leads His messengers to minister to their needs. We should enter into sympathy and love for all ~~men~~ & pray for & with them.

The power of a meeting is determined in the season of silence when the hearts of the people are gathered unto the Lord Jesus in prayer and waiting, & our whole duty is not completed until we look only to ourselves on these occasions.

Let every man in the words of the Apostle, look also on the things of others, since the Lord Jesus came to call sinners to repentance, & to seek & save the lost.

A Church thus united to Christ in prayer will gather souls to Him, & we come far short of our duty if we do not meet the needs of seekers & touch the hearts of the careless & indifferent.

We should be familiar with the condition & experience of those who attend our meetings, & pastoral care should be extended to them. Our Lord has compassion on the multitude because they had no shepherd & the same spirit & feeling should animate us.

The second query, relating to love and union is far reaching. No church can live without this experience, for otherwise it would become weak and divided. We have been mercifully preserved in unity & love for many years. May this, through humility, watchfulness and prayer, continue to abound.

May our interest in the young lead us to open the way for them to enter into service, even if this involves self-denial on our part, in order that their gifts may be developed - a true church develops the gifts of its members & we are not fulfilling our duties to each other unless we do this.

We were exhorted to do this consecrate ourselves unto the Lord and we need not shrink from it, for it will be richly blessed to us. We shall rejoice in each others gifts and services, preferring one another in love.

Much concern was felt in reference to guarding our families against a reading of ~~the~~ families unsuitable reading which abounds in current literature of the day.

May we be good examples to our children & draw them to us with sympathy & enter into their interests, pursuits & pleasures. Let us govern them by the law of love and build up bright happy Christian homes.

The point of association for good or evil, & the need of guarding against temptation will feelingly alluded to.

The temperance movement has wonderfully developed into a political & moral influence during the past year, by means of Christian effort & upon religious grounds in accordance with the views which we have held for so many years. May we not relax our efforts or lower in any degree our position but continue to be zealous & consistent supporters of those who are seeking to lessen this great sin & evil of our land.

The evil of intemperance claimed our serious consideration & the meeting was introduced into much concern upon the subject. Our Quarter & Half Year Meetings were devoted to ascertain by personal inquiry what number, if any, of our members use intoxicating drinks & report to our next meeting.

Then adjourned to tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.