

grew into power and results upon this basis, until sacerdotal authority crept in, and the corruption of men and their lust for power corrupted the minds of people from the simplicity which is in Christ.

Our form of worship and rules of discipline, as we believe, more fully adapted to the exercise of spiritual gifts among individuals than those of other Churches, and we most earnestly desire our members to avail themselves of these privileges.

The diligent attendance of meetings for worship and discipline is not only a means of refreshment and consolation to ourselves, but it also affords us opportunities for service to others. Monthly meetings must receive special attention as the executive arm of an organization, and, as we give to them more strength and power, we build up the religious meetings, and the membership receives sympathy, counsel and care.

Our hope is that the love and unity existing among us may continue as a bond of Christian fellowship, and as a stimulus to church work. To maintain these we must have love to God, and exercise that charity and mutual forbearance toward each other, which are so often needed on account of differences of temperament, interests and surroundings.

This is the real meaning of the expression, "becoming one Christian profession."

A free Gospel ministry is one of our most important doctrines; it is an essential feature in our faith and organization, and to compromise, or cast it aside, would seriously weaken or destroy our mission as a Society.

We believe that the Church has been strengthened by its action in late years against intemperance, and that many have been delivered from temptation of drink through its instrumentality.

A desire has been expressed that our members should not allow themselves to be affected by a spirit of worldliness. The theatre is a strong temptation to many. The most successful plays are

those which appeal to the lowest and most sensual parts of human nature, and are utterly at variance with spiritual life.

Great sympathy is felt for our business men in the difficulties and temptations resulting from the speculative tendencies of trade. Large combinations of men now control every staple of the country, and many kinds of business are consequently hazardous.

We would encourage our members to increase interest in the education of their children. While it is impracticable to give them instruction, when practically in schools under the care of Friends, it is urged that parents can at least so strengthen their children's principles by home teaching that subsequent evil influences may leave no permanent impression.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, in joint session.

20 of the month 1st of the week.

Friends met in first session according to adjournment. The London General Epistle was read to our edification and comfort, and in order that our absent members and others may have the benefit of its pastoral, or a personal gas. Carey, Jr., David T. Van and Mills D. Raiford to have 800 Copies printed for distribution. We advise the reading of the Epistle throughout our yearly meeting, at the close of a first day morning meeting for worship.

The following report was read to our satisfaction, and the collecting was united in the appointment of James Carey, John Pethley, Thomas McCay, Jas. Carey, Thomas, Mary S. Edge, Julia Valentine, Mary D. Thomas, Mary D. Pethley and Clara Valentine, to propose to Friends sitting suitable friends to serve as a committee for the following year. We appropriate the sum of \$8.00, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the expenses of the Committee. To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Pastoral Care of our Meeting and members report:

That the members of the Committee, being so widely scattered, have not met for consultation as much as was desirable, but most of them have been actively engaged in the work during