

present time, and the subject was referred to the following Committee in conjunction with a Committee of women Friends, to report to a future sitting, viz: James Cary, Jno. C. Thomas, Thos. E. Mott, Ellis Davis, Jno. R. Lennshaw, Osamu White, Isaac H. Thompson, Saml. R. Noy and Lewis A. Hegel.

6 The Minutes of last year were read, and the Committee reported that they had been revised and rectified. They were continued to read and revise those of this year, and report to next year's Meeting.

7 The Representatives were desired to confer together and name to a future sitting two Friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

Then adjourned to Second-day, at 10 a.m.

12th of the month and 2^d of the year

Friends met according to adjournment.

8 John B. Lennshaw, in behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Francis P. King for Clerk, and Allen C. Thomas for Assistant Clerk, which was unanimously, and they were accordingly appointed.

9 Epistles were read from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, Canada, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas and the following Committee was appointed to prepare epistles in reply, and presented them to a future sitting, viz: Jno. B. Lennshaw, Francis P. King, James C. Thomas, James Cary, Ellis L. Scott, Saml. R. Noy, Allen C. Thomas, Lewis A. Hegel, Isaac H. Thompson, Thos. Mott, Jno. Puller, Jno. R. Cary, Zachariah McNaull, Jas. Cary, Jr., Jno. Nicholson, Leatit Winstow, Jno. Wright, Joseph P. Elliott, Jno. C. Thomas, Jas. C. Underhill, Simon J. Mathews, Richd. H. Thomas, Edw. S. Edge, Francis King Cary, Francis A. White, Isiah J. Hawks, Thos. R. Matthews, Arthur F. Lawrence & John Mott.

The following is a brief outline of the Epistles from the other Yearly Meetings:

London greets us with words of cheer, desiring to be on with us in earnestly seeking increasing dependence upon Christ, and that our bond of union may be strengthened by faithful obedience to our Lord and Master. They encourage us to continued devotion to "works of benevolence" and in view of the many responsibilities devolving upon us, they desire that that wisdom that is profitable to enrich may be abundantly granted us.

Their vision of their Deity of discipline had claimed their attention, and their Yearly Meeting has chosen witnesses of an increase of spiritual life. They acknowledge the acceptable company and service to be given from Liberia to Thomas.

Dublin Friends say that the Epistles they have received have stimulated them to greater diligence, and more faithful service. They speak of salubrious work from Madagascar, India and the Bible Lands, and express their thankfulness that men of varied hues and climes are now united to us in the primitive faith of apostolic times and in the simple manner of worship characteristic of our Society. They are grateful for sympathy with them in the terrible state of Ireland and of a large distribution of crime and outrage. The ancient testimony of Friends against war has been clearly upheld. They rejoice in the progress of total abstinence

in America and feel encouraged to increased effort themselves. They ask us to unite in prayer that the Lord may bind us still more closely as members of His own body, in the unity of the Spirit, and the bond of Peace.

Canada Epistles speak of their high appreciation of their annual greetings from different parts of our Society, and their desire that we may all continue in the love of Christ and obey His command to love one another. Many souls around them are said to be hungering and thirsting for that which the Lord alone can give, and there is also a manifold desire in the Yearly Meeting for extended pastoral work, evidenced by a liberal supply of means for that purpose. All active interest is shown in Bible Schools, Temperance and Education.

New England Epistles state that their Yearly Meeting has been large, and there appears to have been a spiritual growth among the members. Eli Jones, who had just returned from Syria, gave them an encouraging report of the Mission work there. N. E. Friends are also warmly interested in the work among our American Indians, and have raised over \$200 to aid in building two meeting-houses for them. The Mission field in North Carolina has likewise claimed their attention.

New York Friends say: "Heavenly refreshment, every means of grace is now and full of blessing if promptly and accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our correspondence, though of long continuance, has rarely been more highly prized and enjoyed than on this occasion." The various interests of the Church have been considered in great harmony, and the variety of gifts among us found ample field for exercise.

North Carolina Epistle refers to its new Yearly Meeting house just completed in Veach Point and desires that they may enter upon a new era of Christian work. The sessions of the Yearly Meeting were seasons of special blessings to many. The reports of the Home Mission and Evangelistic Committee were gratifying but more labors are urgently needed. Their work among the Cherokees of North Carolina in connection with Western Yearly Meeting was encouraging. The reorganization of Friends School at North Garden gave rise to thankfulness for the privilege of having a school of high grade whence cultured Christian men and women may go forth into the fields that so much need their service. The various schools of lower grade have been well sustained and a friend has been engaged to act as Superintendent of Education throughout the Yearly Meeting. They express their high appreciation of the work of the Baltimore Association on their behalf.

Ohio is deeply impressed with the importance of the work in which they are engaged and realize that nothing less than the baptism of the Holy Ghost and endowment of power from on high can qualify for this service. Reports of standing committees on the various branches of Church work show a great degree of zeal and faithfulness on the part of their members. They