

are especially encouraged by the earnest and effective service of their young members. Their members are deeply interested in the cause of Temperance. They desire ever to be mindful that the great and foremost work of the Church is the salvation of souls.

Indiana friends are glad to believe that the bonds of Christian love strengthen as the years go by, and their hearts warm with gratitude and their lips give praise to our Heavenly Father for this fellowship of the brethren. Reports of their standing committees show that a blessing has attended their work, especially in the direction of Home and Foreign Missions and in the more systematic distribution of ministerial labor. The cause of Temperance engages the attention of their memberships generally. The financial support of all these objects has been both hearty and liberal. The attendance at their Yearly Meeting has been very large and the interest unabated, and the presence of our Holy Head was felt.

Western Yearly Meeting feels a deep exercise that more of its members may be brought into the Bible Schools. There has been a marked improvement in the week-day schools throughout the Yearly Meeting and much interest manifested in Education. The labors of the Committee on Revangelistic and Pastoral work had been blessed to the conversion and renewal of many souls. An interesting field for Foreign Missionary labor had opened up for them at Soto-Sa-Manino, Mexico, and prayerfully entered upon. Their work among the Cherokee in North Carolina had been blessed the past year.

Some friends rejoice in the progress made in all the departments of Church work: although the Prohibition amendment had been pronounced unconstitutional, they regarded its success in the near future almost certain. They note increased interest and efficiency in the Quarterly Meeting Schools and Academies which act as feeders to Penn College as well as prepare many for a business life. Great zeal was manifested in Missionary effort. A Normal Institute for colored refugees in Kansas had been opened: the Indian tribes on the frontier, as well as the poor and neglected of the large towns had been looked after but the chief interest had been drawn to Jamaica where their friend Eli Sharpleas had been laboring for two years. Three others had volunteered to join him and that island was adopted as the special field of that Yearly Meeting. They judge that the most effective way to promote the spread of the Gospel

whether at home or abroad and to preserve the fruits of the work is to see that those, who through their new birth, become babes in Christ are brought through faith to the stature of men in Christ.

Kansas Epistle refers to the steady increase of their membership and of workers. Nearly all departments of Christian labor show zealous effort. They see however that fields around them are rapidly extending and that there are not enough workers to gather the harvest of souls to Christ. They speak of their Indian members as faithful in their allegiance to their Saviour and of the Indian Monthly Meeting as in a flourishing condition. The Yearly Meeting is considering the subject of furnishing Friends children with facilities for higher education, as well as the common branches, in schools under the charge of teachers in membership with us.

10 The Committee on the erection of a new Meeting house at Washington made the following report and the Committee was continued to report next year:

Report of Committee on Washington Meeting House

A paragraph was appended to all the Epistles addressed to Yearly Meetings in the U. S. relative to joint action in erecting a suitable Friends Meeting house at the National Capitol. Two of the Yearly Meetings, those of New England and Indiana, appointed Committees on the subject, the latter also appropriating \$500: two Yearly Meetings declined, and the others appear to have taken no action whatever. We propose that the Committee be continued to report next year.

James C. Thomas

Ino. Nicholson

Francis D. King.

At this period of the Meeting the Men's and Women's Meetings met jointly for the remainder of the morning's session.

11 The following report was received from the Pastoral Committee. They were encouraged to continue their service and to report to our next Yearly Meeting, and our Treasurer was directed to pay to their Treasurer the sum of \$300 for necessary expenses of the Committee. Each Monthly Meeting was advised to appoint a local Committee to co-operate with the Committee and keep records of the proceedings and forward a report annually to the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting's Committee at Balto. Lydia Warland, John Newlin, Elizabeth W. Miller, Ino. R. Leary, Thos. McLevy, Susan B. Hooge, Jane E. White, Isaac McThompson, Ino. Nicholson, and Lewis H. Hooge were added to the Committee.