

years have felt bound to uphold the precious truth of the Gospel of Christ, - more particularly as regards His eternal Sonship and the efficacy of His propitiatory sacrifice and mediation he earnestly exhorted Friends of the present generation to be faithful amidst the pressing duties of to-day. The fact that from this Yearly Meeting had been set off, either from itself, or from the Meetings derived from it, the Yearly Meetings of Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas, many of whose members trace their ancestry from those who were originally members of this Yearly Meeting, or of Virginia or North Carolina, ought to strengthen the bond of mutual sympathy and love between Friends of this Yearly Meeting and those West of the Alleghenies.

J. B. Braithwaite trusted that this feeling would continue to be cherished in succeeding generations.

Notwithstanding the comparative smallness of their numbers, Friends of this Yearly Meeting are in a position of great responsibility. They have the benefits arising from older settled communities, and have before them the noble heritage of the experience of those who maintained a living testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ in all his varied offices, as an essential part of the great principles of Christian truth, which have ever distinguished our Religious Society. He alluded to our well known practices of congregational worship and ministry in the Church, as being inseparably connected with the testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Be steadfast in the maintenance of these principles: let all your meetings for worship be held under the direct and immediate presidency of Christ, in humble dependence upon the government and teaching of His Spirit; so that they may become living testimonies of your faith in His sacrifice, mediation and intercession. May you continue highly to prize silent waiting upon the Lord, as a precious part of spiritual worship. Much as we value an outward ministry; may there ever be given a full opportunity for the living, immediate ministry of the Holy Spirit. Let the ministry exercised in your meetings be a ministry from Christ, with Christ and for Christ, ever leading to Him.

Abiding in the Spirit, and walking in the peace of Christ, you will be kept in true unity among yourselves, and, at the same time, be experimentally taught that

faithfulness to your Lord and Saviour gives life and unity to your testimony to Him and brings you into fellowship with those that love the same blessed Lord and Master. Herein you will be enabled to exercise in meekness and in love the persuasive influence of example amongst your brethren everywhere.

In the course of his observations, J. B. Braithwaite referred to the practical importance of realizing the plain fact that, as finite beings, we can only occupy one place at one time, and that therefore, as members of the Society of Friends, we cannot usefully attempt to act out of harmony with those great principles of Christian truth which distinguish us from others; or think that we shall really fulfil our part in the service of the universal church, by acting as though we were members of any other Society of professing Christians. The unity of the universal church must ever stand in faithfulness and not in compromise. It is they who are humbly acting out the will of their Lord and Master, in so far as he has been pleased to make it manifest to them, who are permitted to enjoy the truest fellowship with Him. It is in this faithfulness that they are brought into unity with those who, according to their measure of light and experience, are seeking to follow the same Lord. The truest allegiance always leads to the deepest humility, and most fervent love and to the tenderest regard for the convictions of others. The universal church would lose much and gain nothing by any attempt to lower our standard of Christian conduct or testimony as regards worship and ministry, or any other great subject in which it has pleased the Lord to give us a clear testimony to His truth, in accordance with Holy Scripture.

Our dear Friend revived the prayer of the Apostle, as that which lived in his heart towards Friends of this Yearly Meeting, "that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." He concluded with the impressive watchword to one of the early churches: "Hold fast that thou hast: let no man take thy crown."

19 The following interesting and satisfactory Report from the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, also its financial statement. The Committee was encouraged to continue its work and report next year. Lettie W. Thompson, Lewis N. Hoge, Isaac C. Hoge, Richard A.