

Canada Friends were cheered and comforted in the sore trials through which they were passing, by the loving epistles from our own and other Yearly Meetings. They desire that these troubles may lead them individually to look with a single eye to Jesus, the great Head of the Church, who has said, "Lo, I am with you always." They were encouraged by the reports of their Bible Schools and Pastoral Committees, which partake largely of a Mission character, believing that no Church can long remain evangelical without being evangelistic. They express much interest in the Temperance cause, and say that local prohibition is fast taking the place of the license system.

New England Friends express a renewed sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the precious inheritance He has bestowed upon us as a distinct branch of His militant Church. Their prayer is that He may sweeten the vineyard which His right hand hath planted. They have been renewedly called unto faithfulness in little things, especially in regard to what may be called the helps.

They have been encouraged to continue their Home and Foreign Mission work, rejoicing not only in the results reported, but also in the blessing upon their own members.

The acceptable company and services of Frank M. Deane had deepened their interest in gospel labor among the Indians.

New York says "Our members have found a blessing in the various departments of service, in which they been engaged. The labors of our Evangelistic Committee have been fruitful, and the Church has rejoiced, as souls have been gathered to Christ; while the Foreign Mission fields in which we have been interested, have borne their harvest, and are bright with the promises of the future."

Their sympathies have been warmly enlisted in behalf of Jamaica, and, as the work in Mexico grows on, they feel that their duties and responsibilities increase in a corresponding ratio, and also in regard to the work among the Indians.

They have continued to maintain their schools among the Freedmen in the South, but now think it advisable to turn more attention to organizing normal schools for colored teachers, that the race may learn to help each other.

The education of their own children was a subject of deep interest at their Yearly Meeting, and the belief that their Boarding School at Union Springs has exerted a very beneficial influence upon our Society.

North Carolina Friends are again convinced that Christian love is the one thing needful. With this love abounding in our hearts, we may have very different opinions, owing to education and previous surroundings, and still be a unit in this great central truth of the Gospel. They refer to the practical illustrations of the love existing between us and them. Their Yearly Meeting has reiterated our distinctive views of the spirituality of the Gospel, and the ministry of women.

Increasing interest is manifested in Evangelistic, Missionary, Temperance, and Educational work, both by older and younger members, and new fields of labor are being opened.

One Epistle says that the business of the Church is to represent Christ upon earth in His work for the redemption of man, and that as we realize the greatness of the responsibility, we shall feel our need of the power of the Holy Ghost, in order that our testimony may come unto Christ. He has promised this power to those who receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A Church thus baptized, using with holy activity the redemptive agencies which God has given her, will always be a gathering Church. God's message to the sinners is, "Repent and believe the Gospel;" to the believers, "Be ye Holy, for I am Holy."

Indiana Friends write that their Meeting this year was unusually large, and of peculiar interest, and while there was frank and free expression of individual opinions on various subjects which were considered and determined, the spirit of submission, conciliation and love had characterized their Meeting. The aggressive, revival spirit prevalent amongst them was combined with loyalty to, and love for the Church, and a faithful adherence to her doctrines in the recognized spirituality of the Gospel, the Headship of Christ, and the immediate presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is believed that over 1000