

brotherhood, in which all are alike to give encouragement, assistance and strength. Many instances were related of the value of Christian integrity as a witness to the reality of our faith in Christ, and all were encouraged to really enter into the self-examination suggested by the Queries.

The practical duties of the Christian, are based upon the truth of it in Jesus, and their faithful performance should ever lead to dependence upon Him, as the Star led the Shepherds to where the Lord Jesus lay. We were reminded that the Bible was both an open and a closed book. As its pages are illuminated by the Holy Spirit, we see there a divine light, which proves to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As we study and pray over the Holy Scriptures, they show us the way of faith, in a living Saviour, and of practical fruit-bearing through Him. As we realize individually that Christ died for me and rose again, we also say, "I will not live unto myself but unto Him"; and we will endeavor so to bring up our children that they make make a similar choice.

There is much evil in the world. We should uphold the standard amongst men of personal purity in thought and word, discouraging all improper conversation and literature and rebuking it. It is a great blessing to give our children the inheritance of clean lives and temperate blood.

We continue to greatly value our testimony to peace and to the avoidance of all oaths. We believe that this annual examination has this year been productive of much good and again recommend it to all our members.

Then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in joint session

1st of the month and 1st of the week

Friends met in joint session.

21. William Melville, of the Methodist Church, a minister and missionary in Jamaica, made an interesting statement of the work in that island, and gave

testimony to the value of the service of our friend, Eric Sharpless, and the Friends Mission there. Friends were desired to follow the work with their prayers and aid.

22. The London General Epistle was read. We believe this Epistle contains a valuable message of Christian love and counsel which we recommend to the careful attention of our members.

James Carey Jr. and John C. Thomas, were appointed to have 1000 copies printed for distribution. They were also directed to have 500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting printed for the use of our members.

23. The following report from the Home Mission and Bible School Committee was read. We have approved their work and have continued the Committee to report to our Meeting next year.

Report of the Home Mission and Bible School Association

The reports from the various meetings show an increased interest in the subject of Home Missions. During the past year, the work at Baltimore has been carried on as usual, and we think with good results.

The Home Mission Association has held regular meetings throughout the year, and some important measures have been adopted, which will, if faithfully carried out, tend largely to increase the efficiency of our work.

The Boys' Mission School and the Girls' Sewing School have been held as usual at Federal Hill each week, and while it is a work which requires much patience and wisdom on the part of the teachers, so many of the old scholars have testified to the benefit received when at the schools, that we cannot but take courage in looking forward to the coming year.

The religious meetings at the Federal Hill Mission have been kept up during the year three times a week, though the attendance was small during the summer months. It now ranges from about 30 on 6th day to 70 on 1st day night. Several new members have lately joined the Mission Meeting.

The Mother's meeting, at Federal Hill, and the Sewing