

Western Yearly Meeting writes that Christ has been preached in their devotional meetings with great power and clearness, and that an unusually large number of persons in these gatherings have professed complete deliverance from the bondage of sin through His precious blood. The delightful effects of this teaching and testimony had also sweetened their meetings for business.

They rejoice in being united in love one with another, and that all the Yearly Meetings are bound together as one Church, and they trust that the important link of official correspondence may never be broken. The number of their Bible Schools is larger than ever before. Their Mission in the City of Mexico has been remarkably successful, and a Monthly Meeting with forty six members is about to be established there. Their Home Mission field is very extensive. Careful attention is given to Education: they have five flourishing Academies, and take an active interest in Earlham College. A reading circle for Ministers has been organized

Kansas. The attendance was hardly so large, owing to the drought that prevailed in some directions depriving many of means to pay travelling expenses, but the interest was in nowise abated.

They feel the great importance of the daily reading of the Bible in the family, - that it is in proportion as our families draw near to God in devout reading and worship, that we shall have spiritual power in our Meetings and effective power in our Master's vineyard. The subjects of usual interest claimed their earnest attention, and they are gratified to report steady progress in all Departments of Church work. They note with pleasure the success thus far attending Edward W. Husmer's labors in Alaska, - the field seems to be ripe unto harvest. Women Friends have decided to assist this interesting work the ensuing year.

The reports of the Delegates to the Conference at Richmond have been very satisfactory, and the Meeting is united in accepting their conclusions and adopting the Declaration of Faith as proposed by them, and have appointed a Committee to take into consideration the

propriety of holding similar Conference in the future.

14 The Committee to revise and record the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of last year, reported that the service had been attended to. They were continued to revise and record this year's Minutes and report next year.

15 Baltimore Quarterly Meeting having refused to the Yearly Meeting, a request of Lincoln Monthly Meeting, Virginia, to change the place of holding Baltimore Quarterly Meeting in the ninth month from Hobcawill to Lincoln in the alternate years, the consideration of the whole subject of the times and places of holding Baltimore Quarterly Meeting was referred to the following friends, in conjunction with a similar Committee of Women Friends, and they were directed to report their judgment to a future session of this Meeting, viz: Richard L. Thomas, Samuel A. Brown, Philip T. Stabler, Joseph A. Jewett, John P. Wright, Joseph Edge, Samuel R. Meier, Richard A. Ricks, Edwin White, Zachariah W. Paul, and James Craig Thomas.

Women

The Meeting met according to adjournment.

16 Elizabeth R. Hopkins, on behalf of the Representatives, proposed Mary W. Thomas for Clerk, and Jane P. Winslow for Assistant. This report being fully united with by the Meeting, the Friends named were appointed to the service for the ensuing year.

17 Epistles were read from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western Iowa, Canada, and Kansas. As these Epistles were read, the condition of the various Yearly Meetings was brought before us, and great sympathy and Christian fellowship was felt and expressed for the members of our Society all over the world.

18 The following Friends were appointed to prepare Epistles in response to those received, and also one to the children and one to our absent members; Eliza T. Blanchard, Mary W. Thomas, Deborah L. Thomas, Mary S. Edge, Mary Alice Brookes, Rachel B. Matthews, Hannah Whitall.