

for the exercise of gifts and fostering their development depends the success of this important part of our Church's mission.

While we rightly feel the sense of duty and responsibility, gladness should fill our hearts in having the privilege of meeting thus with the Lord, of joining in communion with Him, and with one another, and of being baptized with His Holy Spirit when we thus come together in His name.

We recognize and regret the lack of interest which is shown by some of our members in our meetings for discipline, particularly the Monthly Meetings, which are the executive part of the Church. Eligible in this organization, these may not only take cognizance of matters of discipline, but also of the mission work of the Church, and we desire our members should realize that much may be gained from attending them. As in meetings for worship the interest largely depends upon individual faithfulness.

We rejoice that we are a loving and united body. The standard of Christian love is a high one, but we should strive after it. Encouragement and sympathy are very helpful, and we should manifest them to one another. It is well to try ~~to~~ to find the good in those around us; for we see that for which we look. Let us not be afraid of speaking with each other when it is desired. A few words of commendation or of sympathy often have much effect. We should make companions of our children, study their individual characters, and not have hard and fast rules. Our homes should be attractive, and in conversation at the family table and elsewhere we should enter into sympathy with their feelings and interests. Our own example is of the greatest importance; there is much truth in the expression, "Father be what you wish your children to be, for they will be what you are." Childhood is plastic, but it does not take long for impressions to become fixed. There is often too much reserve on the part of parents in regard to religious subjects. This often results in great injury to children, and in the loss to the Church of those who should be growing up to be

Standard bearers for Christ. Parents should not shut off, but early teach their children the simple truths of the Gospel. We believe in free Gospel Ministry. Where there is a paid ministry, the idea of trade or business will come in, service called for from individuals by the Holy Spirit is apt to be delegated to the one who is paid; so the exercise of individuals' gifts is hindered, and the congregation does not bear its share of the responsibilities of the Church.

We desire our Society should be in the van in furthering the cause of Temperance, and that our voice on this subject should carry no uncertain sound.

Our testimony in regard to oaths is a testimony to the one standard of truthfulness which our Lord enjoined when he said "Swear not at all." Let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay. May we individually and as a Church do nothing to lower this standard. Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in joint session.

Fourth day morning, 11th March 1889.

The Meeting met in

Joint Session

- 41 The Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, &c. made the following report, which was acceptable to the Meeting. It is as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account and to report the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, recommend that the sum of Twelve hundred dollars be raised.

They have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct; there being a balance on hand of \$27.27.

They have examined the account of the David P. Way bequest, and find that the Treasurer has paid the Educational Committee the sum of \$150, the amount of accrued interest to date.

The Committee also report that the Treasurer has the sum of \$209.58. on account of the Permanent Educational Fund of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Signed Francis White

Signed Eliza J. Plasmuts.

Baltimore 11th March 1889.