

aspirations, is not limited by State lines, but rounds the world.

They have been much interested in the subject of gathering and shepherding the flock, and earnestly desire to work according to the Lord's will, knowing that His way is the very best. Believing that Friends have been enabled to comprehend certain great truths, in a manner not generally recognized by other Christians, they feel that the obligation to proclaim these truths is imperative. The reports from their Committees on the different departments of Christian work have given them much encouragement.

North Carolina Yearly Meeting highly appreciated our Epistle, and the presence and services of Friends from Baltimore at that time. The guidance of the Lord had been realized in its various deliberations, enabling it to transact the business before it with love and harmony. Many of the members show much zeal in Home and Foreign Missions, Temperance, Peace, Evangelistic Work and Education. The reports of the Trustees and the President of Guilford College were received with great satisfaction and thankfulness. It is believed that the work that is being done at this institution of learning will prove a powerful factor in our Religious Society. The reading of their reports had a fresh brought before their minds the interest shown by Baltimore Friends, through a long series of years, in the cause of Education in North Carolina.

This greets us as you fellows in the service of our Master, and says that, as they met in the presence and under the power of Christ to transact the business of the Yearly Meeting, their hearts were knit together more closely in Christian love, the Gospel was declared with demonstration and power of the Spirit, and abundantly blessed to the awakening, conversion and sanctification of many precious souls. Among the several questions of reform receiving their earnest consideration, Temperance (including alcohol and tobacco), social purity and home life, war, oaths and lotteries were prominent. A number of consecrated young ministers, both men and women, have been raised up among them to proclaim the glorious Gospel. For this great blessing upon their branch of the Church they express their gratitude to God, and also for the manifest interest in all lines of Gospel work on the part of the membership at large, since the fruitfulness of the ministry depends much upon the interest and cooperation of the Church. They praise the Lord for the increased effectiveness of their evangelistic forces, and that there is a deepening sense of the duty and privilege to send the Gospel to the heathen, as well as of the blessedness of liberal giving

Indiana Friends thankfully acknowledge that in the consideration of important questions involving radical changes, and calling forth great diversity of opinion their Meeting has been preserved in love and harmony.

They are gratified at the increasing interest in the cause of Peace, the report on Temperance work called forth fervent expressions of antagonism to the traffic in intoxicants. Their Home Mission work is on the increase, and more methodical and systematic means are employed in its prosecution. The Mexican Mission has engaged their careful thought, and they listened with profound interest as Friends, familiarized with that field by personal observation, told of the devotion and sacrifice of the earnest workers of that Country. They express their appreciation of the cooperation of Baltimore Friends in the effort to advance the cause of the Redeemer in that land of ignorance and superstition.

They have had presented to them much valuable counsel concerning the spiritual nature of true worship, and the necessity of the presentation of the soul before God, in absolute dependence upon Him, holding all meetings in the power of God, following after that blessed love, which, when dominating our being, sheds abroad a lustre which attracts others to Him, whom we are and whom we serve.

They reverently acknowledge the precious sense of the presence of Christ, and gratefully testify to the blessings He has showered upon them as they sat together. The request of these Quarterly Meetings in Western Ohio for a Yearly Meeting to be established at Wilmington, Ohio, and to be called Wilmington Yearly Meeting, was granted by their Yearly Meeting, subject to the approval of the other Yearly Meetings with which they correspond.

Western Epistle expresses the desire that they may be kept in that spirit of tenderness, which characterized our Master; that they may be kept in that perfect bond of union which has been so sacredly preserved in the past. They acknowledge the Divine favor in sending from other Yearly Meetings ministering servants, whose principal theme has been salvation to the utmost. They rejoice to have with them some of their missionaries from Mexico. The mission work under their care at Atlatlahual, is in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. In the whole field of their work, during the past year, they recognize that the blessing of God has attended their efforts.

The Evangelistic work of their Yearly Meeting is in a prosperous condition, under the efficient management of their General Superintendent. Series of meetings were held in seventy nine different places in the Yearly Meeting, reporting more than one thousand conversions and renewals. Several Ministerial conferences have been held, in which the subject of "Endowment of Power" the "Immediate Leading of the Holy Spirit," and kindred subjects, were considered.