

By this I mean, when we find that any of these are occupying a larger portion than they should, and there is nothing left of a refining and elevating character—when our mental and physical powers are exhausted in the meditation and participation of these—and our talents, be it the one or the five, neglected and unimproved, we have looked upon the WINE when it was RED, and after looking have tasted, and finally drank too deeply. We have indulged ourselves to an undue extent—we have exchanged the talents with which our Heavenly Father has endowed us for that which cannot nourish. A. B.

### “AT YEARLY MEETING.”

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Among the best of the profitable reading in the Ledger this week has been that in the reports of the daily proceedings of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, assembled at the Race Street Meeting House. It must certainly have been observed by the large number who have perused these reports from day to day how closely the matters considered, and the “queries” asked and answered, come into the daily affairs and conduct of every self-respecting man and woman; how they bring up for review, not only what they believe as to faith and doctrine, but how these are lived up to in their daily walk and conversation and behavior in actual life. When it is asked: “Are love and unity maintained among you? Are tale bearing and detraction discouraged? When any differences arise, are endeavors used speedily to end them?”—when such questions as these have to be considered and answered in open meeting—how much of the mischief-making, trouble-breeding, strife-engendering influences of the world they bring up for inspection, for regret, for condemnation and correction! They “come home to men’s business and bosoms,” as the great Francis Bacon said of some other

matters. And so do these other “queries” and answers, which were among those of the week: “Are poor Friends’ necessities duly inspected, and are they relieved and assisted in such business as they are capable of?” “Are Friends careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to keep to moderation in their trade or business?” “Are they punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts?” “Are Friends careful to bring up those under their direction” so as “to restrain them from reading pernicious books?” “Do you take good care regularly to deal with all offenders in the spirit of meekness, without impartiality or unnecessary delay in order for their help?” How suggestive are all these; how salutary for discipline; how wholesome as affective reminders of practical duty, and as inculcating the spirit of considerateness which should be held for one another, and the forbearance which should prevail among all?

In the largest room of the building at Fifteenth and Race is held the Women’s Yearly Meeting; in a smaller one the Men’s Yearly Meeting.

Public meetings were held yesterday morning in both these rooms. In the former Allen Flitcraft, of Chester, appeared in supplication. Sermons were delivered by Isaac Wilson, of Canada, and Thomas Foulke, of New York, and supplication (or prayer) by the former.

In the overflow meeting in the smaller room, Robert Evans, Robert Hatton, Mary H. Heald and Simon Gillam spoke, and Peter Smedley in prayer.

The First-dayschools (Sundayschools) met yesterday at 3 o’clock in the afternoon in the larger room. Meetings were also held during the day at the meeting houses at Fourth and Green, Ninth and Spruce, Girard avenue and Seventeenth street, at West Philadelphia and at Fair Hill.

At Fifteenth and Race was present in the morning Dr. Saiki, of Japan, a graduate of the the Medical School at