

proximity, make a picture of comfort and thrift. Between nature and art the trip was made interesting, for not only is nature endowed with provisions for the comfort and sustenance of man, but man's ingenuity and energy were also displayed in utilizing these products. "Penn's Sylvan Land" is very beautiful at this time of the year, but tired and dusty, we do not regret when the train has arrived at its home in the depot, and our kind friend, J. P. Townsend, meets and conveys us to his home among the nicely painted red brick houses, with their white trimmings and white marble door steps—the pride of a former generation of Philadelphians—if not of this. We were kindly received and entertained, and find upon the walls, and in the albums, pictures of friendly faces whose names have become household words with many of us, but whose forms have long since passed away.

On Fifth-day afternoon we listened to a lecture on "Woman's Influence," delivered by Mrs. Ormiston Chant, one of the delegates to the International Congress of Women, which was held at Washington in 3rd month. Her language was instructive, in plain terms, pleading with women, that they would be willing to bear faithful testimony against evil in all its forms, emancipating themselves from every band which binds to fashion or frivolity, training themselves to be self-supporting, or if joined to the husband of their sincere affection, walking erectly by his side, a tower of strength to which he may turn in moments of weakness. Bidding us also remember that if we would rear noble children, in purity of life and conversation, the fathers and mothers must themselves be pure and noble, both physically and mentally.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting convened on the 14th, Meeting of Ministers and Elders on 7th day before. In this meeting there were many tendering allusions to some dear ones who had passed away from earth ere last they met, but

all were counselled to fill, in all faithfulness, the places allotted to them, being assured the same power is nigh for our help that enabled these dear ones to do the work of their day.

First-day morning and evening the Friends' meeting houses in different parts of the city were occupied, the largest numbers being assembled at Race street, every available seat being filled—even to the door steps—and many remained standing. It was a scene never to be forgotten—a very sea of upturned faces—with minds gathered into the solemn quiet, it seemed as if each one were seeking the spiritual food convenient for their own condition. John J. Cornell addressed them in a clear and forcible manner, and lips acknowledged afterwards "It was good for me to be here."

On Second-day morning it was estimated there were two thousand women assembled to transact the business which comes before them annually. Their Clerk was dear Margaretta Walton, assistant, Annie C. Dorland, who presided over the meeting with dignity and grace. Men Friends soon informed they were not ready for the proposed changes of discipline, one of which was the alteration of the term "Hireling Ministry." Many regrets were expressed, and Lousia J. Roberts, in a beautiful and instructive manner, alluded to the fact that other denominations were as afraid of the hireling as we, and that the true meaning of the words might be exemplified in our own society.

In the afternoon the meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of society as exhibited by the answers to the queries from the quarterly meetings, and earnest were the appeals and tendering from dear aged mothers, for greater dedication in the attendance of meetings, reminding of what we should go there for, and when gathered away from our worldly cares for a season, in company and sympathy with kindred minds, to seek assistance from our Heavenly Father for a renewal of that