

Society, the word of encouragement was, for each to do what he could in the service of the Master as light is given, and leave the rest to the Father's care. We were the grateful recipients of a tender, loving message from one in sympathy with us, and in that love of the Heavenly Father which cements us together as one body into one household of faith, a hope was feelingly expressed, that all whose personal adornments consisted in the sacrifice of life, beautiful to the eye, they may be, but painful to the heart, might think of it and see if such were in consonance with their best feelings.

The various reports of First-Day School, Subordinate Meetings, Philanthropic and others, were thoughtfully considered, and the importance of concerted action on much therein contained was clearly evidenced.

The subject of pernicious literature, introduced by the answering of the Third Query, awakened much suggestive thought, and earnest testimony was borne against the debasing and demoralizing influence of much of the literature which reaches our homes through the daily papers and other channels.

The deep exercise into which the meeting was introduced, resulted in the appointment of a committee to prepare a paper, to be presented to the representatives of the press, expressive of our conviction, that the growing sentiment of a Christian community demands a purer literature, and we trustfully hope to receive from them an upward impulse in this direction. Believing, as we do, that the inspired words were not spoken in vain, "Speak to my people that they go forward," then let us prayerfully and unitedly labor, trusting that the Divine Father's blessing will go with and rest upon us.

MEN'S MEETING—MINUTE OF EXERCISES.

In assembling in our Annual Meeting for the first time in the new meeting-house, with an appreciation of the

comfort and convenience it affords, we trust our hearts were turned with thankful feelings to our Heavenly Father, from whom all our blessings come, and who alone is able to rightly direct in all labors for the advancement of truth and help of humanity.

We have been favored with the company of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, together with those of our own, whose salutary and encouraging messages of Gospel Love were grateful to many hearts.

The exhortation to be ever watchful to the opening and unfolding to our spiritual understanding of our Father's voice was feelingly presented to us and with the loving admonition and practical counsel handed forth have been as a refreshing shower. The exercises that have been laid before us in great harmony and concord, breathing the same loving spirit, are calculated to strengthen our oft-times drooping and almost desponding spirits.

The importance of our frequent reading the Scriptures of truth was brought to our attention, and a caution expressed that we do not fall into a formal, lifeless habit of reading them, but with a prayerful desire to understand them, which alone be derived from the source from whence all true Scripture is given.

It is the exercise of a brother, that there are times when the Scriptures are sealed, and for two years after he felt called to speak in the assemblies of the people, he did not feel at liberty to quote from them, but as he was attentive to the voice of God in his own soul, the seal was broken and they became a source of instruction and help. A message was given to meet a condition introduced by the Scripture language, "who shall roll away the stone," and the fervent exhortation to that condition which had buried its Saviour, and bitterly mourned in secret at the door of the sepulchre, that it should realize the spiritual fulfilment of the outward event, and know the angel of purity, white and sinless to roll away