

veyances took them to their allotted homes. Many others came on different trains during that and the following days, making in all, I trust, what a certain one not present designated and prophesied it would be, 'a glorious company of saints,' and we hope the fruits of it which ripen next autumn at Swarthmore will confirm the appropriateness of the designation.

The series of meetings was formally opened by Dr. O. Edward Janney, of Baltimore, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Friends' Union for Philanthropic Labor. Annie L. C. Brown, of Coldstream, Ontario, was appointed Secretary. The roll-call was responded to by a goodly number of voices, considering that the meeting is so remote from the centre of the majority of Friends in America; and, in the preconceived opinions of some, almost outside the limits of civilization, in a land famished by drouth in the summer, and by ice and snow for the most part of the year.

The meeting then resolved itself into the Central Committee in order to make general arrangements; with Wm. J. Hall, of Swarthmore, in the chair, and Arletta Cutler, Coldstream, Secretary. The generous invitation to hold the Conferences next year at Swarthmore College, Pa., was unanimously and joyfully accepted, and 8th month was the date chosen for their commencement. It was arranged for the First day School Conference to occupy the Fourth and Fifth-days of the week; the Educational, Sixth-day; the Religious, Seventh day, with a session on First day evening if desirable; First-day morning and afternoon, public worship; to close with the sessions of the Philanthropic Union on Second, Third and Fourth-days of the following week.

The Philanthropic Committee resumed its labors in the afternoon session, continuing them during the two sessions on Fifth-day, and concluding on Sixth-day morning.

The chief business before it was

hearing the reports of the superintendents in the various departments into which the work has been divided, and selecting subjects for papers, to be prepared for presentation at the Swarthmore Conference. The discussions upon the various subjects proposed for essays proved very interesting and, we trust, exceedingly profitable for all who took part and for all who listened, not only in this but in the sessions of the other Committees as well.

It was in reality more of a Conference than a meeting of business, and, unlike the great Conference, for which it is preparing, not so much in quality but merely in quantity. All the subjects that are to be treated next year, and a great many more, were thoughtfully considered and carefully weighed that a right discussion might be arrived at. It had the further virtues of being informal, original and impromptu, which, perhaps, will not characterize to such an extent the great meetings already being arranged for. Earnest thought was expressed upon the advisability of asking each of the seven Yearly Meetings to place in their disciplines the following query: "What practical Christian work is done by the Monthly Meetings?" The subject was, however referred to the Philanthropic Committee of each Yearly Meeting.

The reports of the Superintendents were very interesting, tending to enlist our heartier sympathies and more earnest co-operation in each department, as it was pressed home to us.

Elizabeth B. Passmore reported the work done for destitute women and children, which is chiefly in furnishing employment, such as sewing, also the establishment of free kindergartens.

Aaron M. Powell reported on Purity. The report showed that all our Yearly Meetings were interested in the cause and many were doing grand work.

The report on Peace and Arbitration, by Isaac Roberts, superintendent of that department, was read, and the practical suggestions therein contained