

of His work and reign, which is a practical answer to ritualism on the one hand and scepticism on the other.

The reading of the Epistles from the various Yearly Meetings, and from the Monthly Meeting held on Mt. Lebanon, caused our hearts to rejoice. The spirit of prayer was poured out in large measure, especially for our dear sisters in Canada, that you might "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Reports from several mission fields show that much earnest work has been done. The need of establishing our children in the principles of peace, and the advantages of a guarded religious education, has been forcibly set before us.

The giant evil of intemperance has claimed our serious attention, and we realize how much more effectually we can work for the Master if we are fully equipped with the whole armor of God.

The subject of higher education is also claiming our serious attention, and we fully believe that if our branch of the church is to become the effectual agency which it was designed to be, we must provide for the education of the children.

We have been reminded how needful to our spiritual growth are seasons of retirement before the Lord.

Many of His dear children are called and chosen in the furnace of affliction, that He may purify them from all that obscures the reflection of His perfect image. Oh! that we may abide under the preparing hand of our loving Father. He draws us tenderly to Himself and speaks to our souls, "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee."

In conclusion, dear sisters, let us adopt the language of the apostle: "In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." And "the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Signed by direction of the Meeting,

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