

as a family of brothers and sisters, and while we acknowledged the sentiment in words, do we in feeling and action, the thought being expressed that we should diligently seek for the place where prayer is wont to be made, and come under the anointing power of God shed abroad in the hearts of his children.

It was felt that sectarian walls were being thrown down, and that fellowship was increasing, although the time would never come when *all* would adopt the same forms. An earnest prayer of thanksgiving for past favors was offered, and supplication for strength and grace to continue in the work which has been begun in our hearts.

At 10 o'clock First-day morning meeting for public worship convened, in which strong testimony was borne to the efficacy of the "Inner Light," showing it to be the basic principle upon which our Society was built, the phrase "Mind the Light" being a legacy left by George Fox, and is the distinguishing feature between our Society and other denominations. It was remarked that all the expressions of Jesus, when on earth, were so plain and simple that they could be understood as well by him of one talent, as by him of ten. While inciting us all to come to the Light within, the speakers disclaimed all thought of undervaluing the Scriptures or other instrumentalities, for they may bring us to the Light, although they are *not the Light*.

Second-day, at 10 a. m., the meeting for business commenced. After reports of some Committees, and the appointment of others, the epistles from other Yearly Meetings were read, causing us to feel, indeed, as one of them beautifully expressed it, that a kindred faith unites us in one band; a feeling pervaded all that we might so work as to hold our younger members with us, and so arrange our business meetings that they can attend them, and become versed in the ways of transacting business. We were especially gratified that Genesee has at last joined our "Philanthropic Union," feeling that co-oper-

ation strengthens the bond of unity between us. A fear having been expressed that our young folks might leave us, the question was asked "What are we doing to aid them and to hold them?" Much talk was elicited during the reading and answering of the queries, and when considering the one relative to pernicious or impure literature, the question was asked "What kind of books we ought to read?" and the answer was "Never read anything from the perusal of which we do not desire to be a better person." From the Representative Committee we received a memorial of Levi and Susanna Knight, members of Blue River Monthly Meeting, the last of the pioneer band who came from North Carolina, on account of slavery. The Philanthropic Union Committee's report showed not very much work done in some lines, but some done in Social Purity matters, also something done for the Religious Congress now in session in Chicago.

Fourth-day morning, in the meeting for worship, we had a very able discourse on the text, "Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

On Fifth-day, at the close of our meeting, we held, as we usually do, a "love feast," which was particularly pleasant and good, solemnizing all hearts, and tendering many to tears as they realized that the parting handshake meant for many a separation of at least a twelve-month, with the probability that with others it would be for longer, perhaps for aye, for there were present those from far-off California to the West, and to the East, those from Philadelphia, a circumstance not likely to occur again soon. But though from so many and distant locations, the fraternal feeling was strong, and knit us together as one band of brothers and sisters, working for the same great cause. Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Ohio and Genesee Yearly Meetings were all represented, a rather unusual circumstance, by Friends with and without minutes, *all* being gladly