

suitable literature for the young was also commented upon.

Isaac Wilson said that more care was needed to prevent the pernicious and cheap literature of the day from coming in the hands of the young. That, while having no antagonism to other publications, he thought that the *Friends' Intelligencer* and YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW should be better circulated in the Society. This view was also endorsed by many Friends.

Levi L. Benson thought that the axe should be laid at the foot of the tree, and that all desire for such pernicious literature should be eliminated.

Ezra Fell drew attention to intelligent men and women spending their time at the card table and in reading light literature. Remarks were also made by John Kees and Watson Tomlinson.

#### WOMEN'S MEETING.

#### *Eleventh Annual Report of the Committee on Temperance.*

Soon after the opening of the Women's Meeting John J. Cornell paid a visit in Gospel love. His messages were addressed to various states of mind. He urged those that were afflicted to have more confidence in God, and told of one who, having lost his wife and a dear child by death, exclaimed when his other child became insane: "I have nothing left to live for but to do all the good I can for my fellow men." He assured some of the younger ones who were discouraged and almost ready to leave Friends that there was work waiting for them to do. He enjoined those who were under the preparing hand for public service to wait patiently until they heard the word of command. His parting injunction to all was: "Keep your eye single to the Lord, that your whole body may be full of light and when it is full of light, there will be no room for discouragement."

In connection with the answer to the fourth query, the eleventh annual report of the Committee on Temperance was

read. During the year a number of temperance books have been placed in First day school libraries; Friends' schools have been visited, and in 30 out of 32 under the care of the meeting, scientific temperance instruction is given, and most of the schools have good text books for this purpose; a number of conferences and all-day children's meetings have been held; two Young Friends' temperance literary societies have been organized; an evening house for boys has been opened in Philadelphia; a memorial has been sent to the Columbian Exposition against the sale of intoxicating liquors on the grounds, and a petition forwarded to the Legislature of New Jersey, asking that temperance instruction be made compulsory in their schools. The committee called attention to the necessity for a large and well-kept temperance house in Philadelphia, where Friends and others could be accommodated, and hoped that steps would be taken to supply this need.

This report was received with many expressions of approval, and several Friends felt encouraged at the growing interest manifested by the meeting in active temperance work. Some bore a strong testimony against the drinking and selling of cider, and Margaret Howard hoped that Friends would not use or countenance the use of wine at social gatherings. Attention was called to the excellent extracts for flavoring food, put up without alcohol, that may now be obtained from leading grocers.

The remaining queries were read and answered.

Louisa J. Roberts re-opened a concern expressed in the morning, that the Yearly Meeting should remonstrate against the just-published decision of the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition, to allow the sale of intoxicating liquors on the grounds. This was very generally united with, and men Friends were informed of this action. The meeting then adjourned until 3 o'clock to-day.