

apply to both town and country schools in this section. The bible is read every morning, but the practical application of its teaching by the scholars in their school life is, I fear, very limited.

I believe the remedy lies in not only reading the bible, but in studying it in a non-sectarian spirit, and in doing away with the present ranking system and its attendant temptation to cheat. It causes those who are ambitious to be at the head of their class to overwork themselves, if they are physically weak, or if they are morally weak, to pass by unfair means their honest competitor for first rank.

While I know Friends' schools that are not entirely free from the evils of which I have spoken, I think the average morality is better, and that efforts will be made to make them the very best. When Friend's children shall receive the proper systematic religious training at home, and become strong enough to resist the immoral influences of Public School associates, or are able to lead them into nobler ways, then, and not till then, can we afford to do without Friend's schools.

Most teachers think that there is very little cheating among their pupils, but I know from a ten year experience behind a scholar's desk that this is a mistake. The writer enjoyed a reputation for honesty, but I am sorry to admit that it was taken advantage of more than once. I hope all young people who are similarly situated will realize that treasure in Heaven is of far more importance than even the greatest worldly success, not to mention mere ranks at school. I hope Young Friends will be active in organizing White Cross Societies where they are needed, and that those in charge of schools will do away with the invidious individual marks and adopt the medium, good, and excellent system of making, or some other method that causes the pupils to think of the personal benefit to be derived from knowledge and intellectual training, and not mere marks.

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WESTBURY QUARTERLY MEETING, HELD IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

Another year has brought the Spring Session of Westbury Quarterly Meeting to Brooklyn. It was held Fourth month, 28th, 1888, and proved a happy opportunity for religious and social mingling.

The religious meeting was very fully attended, and many speakers were present. Those who favored us verbally were—Dr. Child, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Isaac Hicks, of Westbury, L. I.; Chas. C. Cocks, of Cornwall, N. Y., and Elias H. Underhill, of New York city.

The thread of the discourse was carried from one to the other, and the burden seemed to be a desire to call all to a full development of the soul by attendance to the guidance of the "voice within," not devotion to forms or sect.

"It is truth, we want," said one, and to bring ourselves into that capacity where we can receive truth. That many were crying for rest and the true bread of life, but that this longing could only be satisfied by the streams from the divine fountain, and the soul ever breathing the inspiration from God, as the atmosphere, and growing and developing it so as to make ourselves useful to ourselves and those around us.

Another said that this craving for more was often felt by those who were not willing to break the kernel for themselves. That we all should be willing to work in the vineyard ourselves and learn to know what the Lord will show us is eternal truth.

Another further thought, that it was attention to these things that made us grow and develop so as to be able to labor and make ourselves useful to our own brethren. That it profitted us little to stand doubting our power, saying, "the well is deep, but we have nothing to draw with." But rather draw others around us to come and see where we stand by our own experience, and what it is that brought us there.