

membership of the Yearly Meeting, two more than last year, which shows though small, a steady growth over former years. The epistles received from other Yearly Meetings recited the work done in the various lines of philanthropic labor in which Friends everywhere throughout the borders of our beloved Society are so earnestly enlisted. The Yearly Meeting held a joint session on Fourth day afternoon, which was devoted exclusively to First-day School interests. At the public meeting for worship on Fourth day evening, much tendering counsel was handed forth. The Committee on the Purification of the Press, composed solely of women Friends submitted their Annual Report, reciting the good work done in this comparatively new field of labor amongst us. "The Report also recites the Committee's true appreciation of the aid rendered, and favorable commendation of the earnest efforts of these faithful laborers in such a *righteous* cause" by editors of the daily and local press in various parts of the country, as well as that of ministers of other religious bodies. We here append the following communication, addressed to the Meeting, and clipped from one of our daily papers:

"A communication addressed to the Yearly Meeting from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Genoa, Neb., was read. It presented the present deplorable condition of affairs on the Island of Cuba, growing out of the war now in progress there. As the Society of Friends has always maintained high grounds against all wars and fighting, and in favor of arbitration or other peaceful means of settling all differences, domestic and national or international, the Genoa Meeting calls upon this Yearly Meeting, through its officers or other agents, to make a formal protest in the name of humanity and Christianity, and to influence by memorial, if possible, the Spanish nation to adopt a more specific and rational course in dealing with the people of Cuba. The mode of procedure is to

be left for this Yearly Meeting to determine, but the only course open, it is supposed, will be to bring the matter, in the shape of a memorial, to the attention of the Spanish minister at Washington, and through him to his Government. After receiving due consideration, the matter was referred by minute to the Standing Committee on Philanthropic Labor, who are authorized to take such proper action in the direction indicated as may seem to them expedient, and to report to the next Yearly Meeting."

A communication addressed to the Meeting by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church, asking its co operation in suppressing the drink traffic was read and sanctioned by the Meeting, and referred to the Philanthropic Committee for its action.

Near the close of the morning session on Fifth-day, in the Men's Meeting, a Friend who appeared to be feelingly exercised, compared the Yearly Meeting to a lake, which was dependent for its supply upon its subordinate branches, adding that if the streams that flow into the lake be pure, the whole body of water would be pure, but if the streams were impure, the lake would not be pure, and thus would the Yearly Meeting be similarly affected; showing very conclusively how important it is that each individual member keep the well spring of life in a pure condition, and when this *state* is arrived at, truly can we exclaim, "The pure in heart shall see God." A proposition was laid before the Meeting to hold the Yearly Meeting in the future in joint session, which resulted in the appointment of a Committee composed of two members of each sex from each Monthly Meeting to take the matter into consideration and report their judgment thereon to our next Yearly Meeting. Near the close of the meeting on Fifth day afternoon, our attention was called to the depletion in our numbers since last year. We were forcibly reminded that loved ones had been called who have proven stead