

## A MINUTE ON PROHIBITION.

The following was adopted as a Minute of Advice.

"The attention of this Yearly Meeting has been earnestly drawn to the consideration of the evils of intemperance, and the means of their removal, particularly to the Constitutional vote, which will occur in the State of Pennsylvania at an early day.

"The presentation of this subject has brought the meeting into deep and earnest exercise, and under an apprehension of our duty concerning this, we affectionately exhort our members in that state to a prayerful consideration of the duty which will attend an exercise of their right to vote upon the proposed amendment.

"It is not the purpose of this meeting to assume the authority to direct how any civil act shall be performed, but to urge that whatever vote may be cast by any Friend shall be the outcome of a conscientious desire to elevate society, to protect and purify the home and to advance the cause of truth."

The committee was continued to have the above printed and distributed.

The Committee on the Condition of the Education of the Colored People of the South reported that it had been engaged in the care of two schools, one at Aiken, S. C., under the care of Martha Schofield, and one at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., under the care of Abbie D. Monroe. The report was approved and the committee continued and encouraged to further labor, with authority to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

A memorial concerning Mary S. Lippincott, who was a minister for sixty years, prepared by Chester, New Jersey, and one for Rebecca John, prepared by Raring Creek Monthly Meeting, were read and approved.

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts reported them correct. There is a balance of \$4621 64. The committee propose that \$3,500 be raised for the year.

Thomas J. Husband was appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year for this and women's meeting.

The Committee on First day Schools proposed that a Committee be appointed to give further attention to the subject. The Committee was continued, with the addition of one Friend from each Quarterly Meeting.

An epistle to the six other Yearly Meetings in correspondence with this meeting was read and approved. Thos. Speakman proposed that a large Committee be appointed to revise the Discipline. The matter was deferred till next year.

The subject of a union with other Yearly Meetings in philanthropic labor was introduced by women Friends, but way did not open to enter upon this work at this time.

The closing minute was as follows: "With hearts filled with gratitude for the continued manifestation of love, condescension and brotherly regard so prevalent throughout our sittings we now close, to meet at our usual time next year, if so ordained by Divine wisdom."

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## THE MISSION OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

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In taking up this subject we do not feel it our place to criticise what has been done in the past by Friends nor can we dictate what should be the especial line of work for Friends in the future. But at the same time the queries are constantly arising as to what we are doing and what mark are we making among other denominations. We believe that no Society or Church can exist unless it has a definite purpose in view, a purpose which it is constantly carrying into effect, a purpose in which it finds peace and comfort and one from which it receives the highest spiritual good. Now let us ask ourselves the questions: "what is the work of the Society of Friends to which we profess to belong? Why are