

mended a new Query, directing the Quarterly Meetings to forward in their answers to the Queries, information as to what amount of organized Philanthropic work has been done in each of the Monthly or particular Meetings during the year.

The Yearly Meeting adopted a proposed revision of the Second Query, which will read as follows :

Do Friends maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession ?

Are tale bearing and detraction discouraged ?

When differences arise are endeavors made speedily to end them ? And is care taken to labor with offenders seasonably and impartially, in the spirit of meekness and love for their restoration ?

The Second and Ninth Queries being merged into one the Yearly Meeting appointed a Visiting Committee to have an oversight over our smaller Meetings and to extend such help as they may feel called upon to render ; by way of religious and social commingling. The Meeting was deeply exercised in regard to the manner of conducting our County Fairs. The gambling feature and the demoralizing sideshows were the subjects of much comment, and the prevailing sentiment of the meeting seemed to be that there should be an earnest effort made to procure such legislative enactment that would insure their suppression. Feeling allusion was made during the progress of the Yearly Meeting to the loss sustained by our beloved Society in the removal from our midst to a higher life beyond, of that faithful and untiring laborer in the Master's vine yard, Joseph A. Bogardus. Near the close of the Yearly Meeting, on Fifth-day afternoon, tender loving counsel was handed forth by visiting Friends in attendance, and, in saying farewell, they expressed their gratitude to the All Father for the cherished privilege granted them, to leave their

homes and thus be permitted to mingle in a social and religious capacity among the Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. One Friend remarked that he had been an occasional attendee of the meeting for forty years, and, in noting the changes that had taken place within that period, added that there was but one Friend in the gallery that he remembered there forty years ago ; and the writer would here add that these changes forcibly remind us that time does its own work, and if those who remain to follow after prove faithful unto the end, as those loved ones who occupied those gallery seats did, they too we feel abundantly assured when called upon to bid farewell to time on earth will receive the reward of well done. Another Friend remarked that he desired to express his heartfelt thanks for the cordial reception extended to himself and wife. Adding that he would return to his Western home feeling encouraged and with a renewal of strength. The thought was expressed that there should be more earnest labor extended for the good of our fellow beings, remembering that wherever there is a human being there is a soul. Wherever there is a soul there is a God, and where God dwells there is love. A Friend remarked that we should endeavor to read the Queries intelligibly, and that we should apply each Query as a personal matter. The language was handed forth, that in the silence of the soul the Spirit Divine operates, and as the light of the moon, stars and sun are shed upon us, as we dwell in that silence, how we are strengthened in the love of the Father.

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### FRIENDLY HOMES FOR STUDENTS.

Friends generally have an earnest desire for the proper training of their children in their homes, and the same concern follows them when they are