

acting the business of the Church as well as in worshipping our Heavenly Father.

During the examination of the state of society, mothers have been exhorted to pray with and for their children that they may be early brought to love and serve their Saviour.

We are glad to hear of the prosperity of your Yearly Meeting School and of your Bible School and Tract work. The reports of our various committees show that the dear Lord has been working with and through them during the past year, enabling them to accomplish a great amount of missionary work among the Indians, our Southern brethren, both white and colored, and also much home mission work.

In several Quarterly Meetings a large number have been brought into the fold of Christ, and many have united in membership with us. To the Lord belongeth all the praise. The temperance work has drawn largely upon our sympathies and prayers. We have much to cheer us in the fact that the Christian women are steadily gaining ground in the warfare against intemperance, but the work is very great; and every woman and especially every mother should be enquiring, What can I do towards eradicating this enormous evil? We would affectionately encourage you as a Yearly Meeting to take a decided stand on this subject.

The demand is increasing among us for more active laborers in the different departments of Christian work in which our Yearly Meeting is engaged, and also for more messengers to tell the story of redeeming love.

May you, dear sisters, as well as we be unchangeably fixed on the Rock Christ Jesus, remembering however, that this condition can be acceptable only as we are obedient to do the will of our Master; for one of the apostles tells us that "Faith without works is dead," and another exhorts us to be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

May the doctrines of the spiritual gospel of our Lord and Saviour as held by our early Friends, be zealously upheld in this day when there is such a tendency to resort to types and ceremonies, which can give us no strength, but only weaken our faith in the one and all-sufficient sacrifice.