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GENESEE YEARLY MEETING, to which, but a short time ago, we were looking forward with large hopes and anticipations, has now passed into the time that was; and as in the quiet are reflected, the queries arise, are those hopes and anticipations realized to the Society; and if so, what did they prove to be? Let us here in editorial conciseness recapitulate. It was the general opinion which bubbled up again and again in audible language. "It is good for me that I am here." The good influences springing from such occasions should be fostered and guarded till the results be fully matured; for if we see a duty and do it not, it is seven times worse for us than to remain in ignorance of it.

The public meetings on First and

Fourth days were unusually large, and the discourses were listened to with the profoundest attention. The burden of them seemed to be to impress upon the understanding that, "God is love," that he communicates with our souls to-day, and that it is necessary for our peace here and hereafter to obey implicitly these communications.

The answering of the "Queries" showed the Society in a tolerably pure and healthy condition, prepared to go on in the great moral reforms to which we have set our hands, and to do good wherever we can.

The sympathy of the Yearly Meeting went out in a tangible form, towards the Indians of the far West. They were awakened also in behalf of the poor colored children of the South.

The temperance meeting was unusually large and interesting. The outlook in both nations is brightening. The earnest prayers of so many pure souls; the persistent and determined efforts of so many valiant workers; and all, the continent over, united in one grand engagement, will surely conquer some day, and that day, we think, is not far distant.

The First-day School with its two sessions sustained a deep interest throughout. It is gaining its due recognition as a necessary adjunct to the Society; necessary, that is, if the Society intends to throw off its lethargic state and command again the attention and influence it enjoyed in the palmy days of Penn and Barclay.

The peculiar feature, however, that characterized the Yearly Meeting was the unusual interest manifested by the younger ones. This resulted in a special meeting for the young people on Fourth-day afternoon. It was an occasion that shall not soon be forgotten. As we felt the inspiration of evening breathe about us, as plainly did we feel the inspiration of heaven breathe within us, giving our souls a clearer sense of duty to God, to the church and to each other.