

A few dear Friends are with us from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and counsel have been comforting and edifying.

We know that the guarded and religious education of our children is a subject of deep importance, and there is a necessity that Friends everywhere cherish a lively concern for the support of schools within their own borders, that the children may be preserved from alluring temptations, which otherwise are thrown in their path, and which subtly draw them from our beloved Society and from Christ, for to be a Friend indeed is to be a true follower of Christ, for they, like Abraham, are Friends of God and of Christ Jesus who being led by the Spirit of God, know His will, and do it.

May the children be patient under the restraint of earnest parents who yearn to shield them from all harm and preserve them in the truth.

How beautiful it is to behold parents and children walking together in the right way, interested in the same things, maintaining that loving confidence and freedom, so helpful in the Christian course; minding the pointings of truth in the little duties and attentions of every day life.

As we look to the Lord for direction and submit our wills to His, though the way be rough and lonely we may safely trust and not fear, for hath He not said? "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

We realize that we come far short of His requirings, and too many among us are spending our years as a tale that is told, but we trust that we have at this season been stimulated to renew our covenants to follow Christ and His requirings with unreserved faithfulness.

If we sin in an unwatchful moment let us not be utterly discouraged, but remember that we have an advocate with the Father, whose joy it is to forgive whenever we come into true repentance for our sin.

We have been exhorted to live within the bounds of our circumstances, hating covetousness, and that those possessing abundance of means should consider their responsibility in setting the example of moderation; for