

that thou hast. Know what is required of thee this day and He will not leave thee desolate. Are we prepared to receive this summons? Then let us ascribe all honor unto Him, who art the father of heaven and earth, and the sea, and the father of living water."

After a short silence, Jeremiah J. Starr began by comparing our condition to that of a little child, adding, "A little child reaches its hand out in the night to feel assured of its parent's presence, and is assured by the touch that he is there. If we are helpless and discouraged we should reach out for the presence of the Father. As we feel His presence we will be assured of that confidence which will enable us to abide in peace and rest, because of His nearness to us. Then we can say our father, my father; He was not only the creator of earth and heaven, but also our creator, our father whose almighty power and wisdom is this day overshadowing us. Our father in heaven, the Mighty One; wherever He is there is heaven. It is not afar off, we are His children. If we feel this touch, He is nigh unto us. We are now in His kingdom. The love of the Father was compared to the love of a mother for her child. Her love goeth out to her child even though he might be afar off; and though the world cast him off, still her love continues to reach out to that child, and if possible it is even greater because of the need of it. We even see something of His love when we go away out of His kingdom, He follows after us, when we desire to return He meets us, He brings His Kingdom to us. Our Father is ever near us, He never closes the door, He is not a God of vengeance, of battles, but a God of peace, and of love. And the nearer we draw unto Him, the nearer is the peace of His kingdom, and as we draw nigh unto the Father we will build our house and faith in Him as the Saviour of our souls."

Near the close of meeting Wm. M. Way, in supplicating the Divine Throne, said: "Our Father who art in Heaven,

give us this day our daily bread, that bread that reaches out unto Thee continually, the bread of life of thy everlasting kingdom of rest and peace."

The Youths' Meeting held on First-day afternoon was felt to be truly an interesting occasion, and evinced a deep spiritual growth in this off-spring—the nursery of our religious body. There was also a large gathering at the First-day evening meeting, and much earnest exhortation was handed forth.

Upon entering into examination of the state of Society there was but little change noted in the character of the answers to the queries from former years. A net gain of five was reported in the membership of the Yearly Meeting, one more than last year. This is somewhat encouraging, as in years past losses were generally reported. The answer to the fourth query revealed the fact which afforded much encouragement to the meeting that we were about clear of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

In response to the inquiry in the same query, relative to the cultivation and use of tobacco, the information was elicited that a few of our members in one monthly meeting continued to raise it, though to a slight extent, which occasioned quite a lively discussion. One Friend expressed regret that anyone should so appropriate the soil in the cultivation of a poison, the product of which destroys the intellect and brings misery upon his fellow man, adding that no mind under such influence could attain the full vigor that God intended it should.

Much concern was felt, and opposition expressed in regard to the introduction of military instruction in our Public Schools, which could not otherwise than have a tendency to encourage a spirit of war in the youthful minds.

The following protest which was adopted by the meeting, fully expresses its sentiment in regard to the liquor traffic: "Believing that the use and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is a most serious obstacle to the progress of Christianity; that it causes