

The committee to visit the branch meetings and encourage the members to a more faithful attention to the requirements of the discipline and upholding the testimonies, reported that it had visited most of the meetings and was encouraged in the belief and many are being prepared to take their places in the maintenance of Friends principles and testimonies. The report was united with and the committee continued and encouraged to further labor as way may open.

In the evening a meeting was held under the auspices of the Temperance Committee, and over a thousand people assembled. The speakers were Isabella D. Shortlidge, of Chester county, and Isaac Wilson, of Canada.

The queries were resumed and answered generally in the affirmative.

In the answers to the annual queries it was stated that there have been opened 35 schools with 139 teachers, 2,999 pupils and 672 members. Most of the scholars attend mid week meetings. There are 35 First-day schools, with 2153 pupils and 144 officers, and one mission school, with 14 officers and 90 pupils.

The Friends' Yearly Meeting held no business sessions yesterday morning, the usual mid-week meetings for worship being held. At Fifteenth and Race streets both ends of the house were full to overflowing, and several Friends, ministers and others, spoke in each meeting. There was also a large gathering at Fourth and Green, where Isaac Wilson, of Canada, drew many lessons from the story of "The Prodigal Son" and "The Other Son," and concluded with an earnest testimony to the power of the living Saviour.

MEN'S MEETING.

In the afternoon at the men's meeting, the committee to examine and settle the account of the treasurer, was requested to examine all the accounts of the John M. George estate in the hands of the treasurer.

The minutes of the Representative

Committee (which is the Executive Committee to attend to all business in the interim of the Yearly Meeting, and meets quarterly) stated that it had purchased for distribution more than 1500 volumes, many of them being writings of early Friends. A new committee was appointed for this year, consisting of four from each quarter, two of each sex.

The report of the Committee on Education was read. It has a visiting teacher to advise school committees and lecture to the pupils. There is a need of teachers for the higher branches. It had expended \$1920.03. The committee was continued.

The Joint Committee on Indian Affairs reported that a legacy of \$500 had been received and placed in its hands to aid in the civilization of the Indians.

The report of the Committee on Isolated Members stated that all the seven Yearly Meetings had entered on the care of these Friends. The committee was continued.

A committee of 14 to devise some means to awaken a more active interest in the First-day schools was appointed, to report at a future session.

WOMEN'S MEETING.

In the women's meeting the minute of advice to the members, suggested by the report of the Temperance Committee, in regard to the proposed constitutional amendment was read, and there was a general expression of thankfulness that so good a minute had been prepared.

Lydia H. Price said that "her heart was filled with great hopes for the future when she saw so many young people interested in the work of the meeting," there not being less than 1600 women present, many of whom were young in years. The report of the representative Committee was read and approved. A memorial to Samuel J. Levick bore testimony to his usefulness as a citizen and as a minister in the Society of Friends.