

Society has profited by the impress for good which their labors and tender loving counsel have made upon the minds of those who remain to labor a little longer. The public meetings for worship on First-day were well attended.

There were two meetings for worship held at Park Avenue Meeting House on First-day morning, one in the main meeting room and the other in the lecture or men's meeting room.

Earnest testimonies were handed forth in these meetings by visiting Friends and others. Abel A. Mills, a minister from Illinois Yearly Meeting, was earnestly exercised in the ministry at the meeting held at the same house on First-day evening. There were also two meetings for worship held at the Old Town or Asquith St. Meeting House on First day, one at ten o'clock in the morning, and the other at three o'clock in the afternoon. Testimonies were handed forth at both meetings.

Martin W. Maloney, a minister from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, was feelingly engaged in the ministry at the afternoon meeting.

The Youths' Meeting, held at Park Avenue Meeting House, on First-day afternoon, was thought to be a particularly interesting occasion. All who participated accredited themselves well. The exercises were concluded with an earnest and forcible address by Mary H. Way.

The exercises of the Yearly Meeting proper began at Park Avenue Meeting House at ten o'clock, on the morning of Tenth mo 26th. The morning session was principally occupied by the reading of the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, and the Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, and Genesee. The reading of these Epistles elicited much favorable comment. The usual Committees required to be appointed at this session and report to future sittings were named. Upon entering into examination of the state of Society, but little change was noted in

the answers to the Queries over former years, with the possible exception that Baltimore reported an increased attendance at the Old Town Meeting, which we might add has been largely augmented by the establishment of a First-day School there, and it might not be considered out of place to mention just here that the school was organized three years ago by seven persons who comprised the meeting held on that day, and at the close of the school in sixth month last there was enrolled over one hundred names. The Meeting seemed gratified to learn of the gain in membership, there being a net gain of fourteen reported, *seven* more than last year. For several years past there has been a slight, but steady, gain instead of the decline which we were wont to bewail in former years, which, to the writer, seems to augur well for the future of our beloved Society.

The Yearly Meeting met, in joint session on Fourth-day afternoon. The entire session was devoted to First day School interests. At the Public Meeting for Worship on Fourth day evening the spoken word flowed freely from a number of exercised minds. The Standing Committees submitted their annual reports, each reciting the work accomplished along the lines of their varied fields of labor.

The Committee appointed last year to take under consideration the advisability of holding the Yearly Meeting in joint session reported favorably thereto, but after an earnest and weighty deliberation thereon, and in due deference to the wishes of some who were not prepared for the change, the Meeting concluded to adhere to the time-honored custom of Friends, and wait for the hinder-most of the flock, and in consequence thereof, further consideration of the subject was deferred until our next Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting adopted the report of the joint Committee appointed last year: To consider some proposed changes in the Queries. It recom-