

this petition we now adjourn to meet again at the appointed time next year.

On First-day meetings for worship were held at both Brooklyn and New York meeting houses. In the morning's meeting at the latter house, Lydia H. Price, Rebecca Cowperthwait, Nathaniel Richardson, of Byberry, Pa., and Matilda Janney, of Philadelphia, appeared in the ministry. In Brooklyn, Chas. M. Robinson, of Chappaqua, spoke. At the afternoon meeting in Brooklyn, Samuel Sash, of Philadelphia, appeared in the ministry, and in New York, Joel Borton, of Woodstown, John H. Shotwell, of Rahway, and William Johnson, of New York.

The regular session of the Yearly Meeting began on Second-day morning, with a good attendance. Minutes for the visiting friends in attendance were read by the clerk. Several Friends were present without minutes, most of whom were mentioned in the reports of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders on Seventh-day, including Chalkley Webster, of Western Quarterly Meeting, London Grove, Pa. Many expressions of interest in the visiting Friends were made, and Samuel S. Ash, replying, spoke of the great value of such attendance to those who attended. Other Friends speaking were Chalkley Webster, Joel Borton, Robert S. Haviland, and others.

Announcement was made that \$5,000 had been added to the Bayard P. Blatchley fund for education.

An overture was presented from Easton and Saratoga Quarterly Meeting, asking permission to change the Meeting to a Half-Yearly gathering. It was referred to a committee. It was announced that Duanesburg Quarterly Meeting had formed a philanthropic committee.

The epistles were the next matter taken up. That from Philadelphia was first read. Baltimore and Genesee followed. A thought prominent in the latter was that of patriotism suggested

by the war, the opinion being expressed that that was not true patriotism which depreciated all other countries in the endeavor to aggrandize our own.

John William Hutchinson mentioned the fact that Isaac Hicks and John L. Griffin were old and valued members of this Meeting, the former of sixty and the other of sixty-eight years' standing. He suggested that, as both were unable to attend, the greetings of the Meeting be sent to them. This was done through a minute in the afternoon.

At the opening of the afternoon session the report of the committee on education was presented. It was a most helpful and instructive report.

Under the reading and answering of the queries some very interesting matters came up. The first query, as to holding of and attendance on meetings for worship, it appeared at first that the attendance on some meetings showed a falling off, and that in some cases meetings themselves had not been held. A singular coincidence in this connection was the announcement that the regular meetings for discipline were not abandoned. It was afterwards explained that this meant not that meetings for worship had been abandoned but that they were held at the same time as the meetings for discipline. Samuel S. Ash expressed in this connection the thought that the attendance at meetings, while a reasonable service, was not a vital one, and that there were other more essential services and duties. Henry Haviland expressed the thought that there were opportunities to do work in all communities, since everywhere there were persons who never saw the inside of a house of worship. William M. Jackson and other Friends followed. Aaron M. Powell also spoke on the tendencies in some of the meetings for worship to grow smaller, but said that others, though small in number, were live and