

of salvation if they were willing to use it.

Prayer was made by Charlotte W. Cox, invoking the divine overshadowing, desiring that we might stand firm on the rock of immediate revelation, listening for the voice of God speaking in the scul, assuring that he never forsakes any who put their trust in him.

A young people's meeting held in the evening was a season of refreshment to many. Some of the youthful hearts were stirred to utterance. A young people's meeting, for the young people, and by the young people, where each youthful heart felt the responsibility of its success resting upon individual consecration and faithfulness, might be productive of great beneficial results. We have experienced it when such was the case. We trust the young people's meeting will return to its proper mission.

And now as the Yearly Meeting is drawing to a close, we feel grateful for the harmony and love that has prevailed, and for the blessing of God's continued presence. As we sadly and reluctantly disperse, with fond farewells and tender hand-clasps, for our several homes, may we bear with us a deeper thought and a more earnest regard for our eternal welfare in that higher home.

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OUR DUTIES.

A PAPER BY FLORENCE CONRAD.

Read at a meeting of the Temperance Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, on Third-day evening of Yearly Meeting week, 1893; also at the Meeting of the Temperance Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Third-day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week, 1893.

Friends, this is our Yearly Meeting, a time when we meet to renew old friendship, to strengthen the bond of kinship amongst us, but more than all to consider in what ways we can best promote the welfare of our loved Society, and cause it to be even more alive to the interests of God and humanity.

To this end I would ask you to take

up our Book of Discipline and read with me some of the vital points which I fear we are prone to read but hurriedly, often without finding the true meaning, or else overlooking entirely.

In the early part of the Discipline we read: "Friends are desired to be careful in the choice of books, seeing there are many under the specious title of promoting religion and morality which contain sentiments repugnant to the truth in Christ Jesus."

Obedient to this much-needed advice, you are careful to keep from your tables and libraries aught that, although outwardly pure looking, is really impure in its nature and tendency, and exhort your children to read only that which is healthy. And you have followed the advice to the *letter*; but, Friends, the *spirit* of that advice—to which, as a people, we attach the greatest importance—goes beyond. Not only in the choice of books but in all other acts of life does this advice apply.

We are in the world, and while we may not be 'of the world,' yet we are a *part* of it, and *must* perform our duty while in it.

Every *true* citizen has a deep interest in the welfare of his country, and a heart-felt desire to do all in his power to make that nation a noble, God-loving people, be he Catholic, Friend, or Jew!

Under our Government, those who are placed at the head are chosen by means of casting votes. Let us not be afraid to speak of these things of politics, as they are called, in our Meetings. Let us rather talk face to face with true friendliness. I think, Friends, if we were more willing, as a Society, to freely discuss such matters, there would be much less liability of our young Friends, especially the young men, going elsewhere to learn of them, and, as is so frequently the case, being influenced differently from what we should desire. Under the specious title of banishing evil, hence promoting morality, hence religion, a law providing for a higher rate of license for saloons was laid before you voting citizens of