

zine article which treats of the sufferings endured by southern Friends, because of their peace principles, and the vigorous stand taken by them against slavery.

The report of the Discipline Section was given by John Cox, who said that the Discipline of the London Yearly Meeting is very much the same as it was when the Meeting was established. The first Meeting for Discipline was held in the north of England in 1663. Quarterly Meetings were established before 1666, and the London Yearly Meeting in 1672. The early English Friends approved of women having a voice in the affairs of the Meeting. The London Yearly Meeting consisted of each Quarterly Meeting in Great Britain, and the General Meeting of Ireland.

Anent "Current Topics" in the report given by S. Elizabeth Stover, were Professor Burney's legal opinion of the Venezuelan affair, the action of the Salvation Army in regard to removing Commander Ballington Booth and his wife, showing how despotic this large organization has become; the rumors of Prof. Nansen's discoveries in the far north; the burning of Mansfield House in London, and the appeal for re-building it; Professor Vincent's proposition for a "Hall of Christ," to be erected at Chautauqua; and Bishop Potter's recently published address, urging all to individual effort for the eradication of social evils.

A very interesting paper on "Habits," written by Mary Hicks, was read by Charlotte Haviland. The writer spoke of the bearing which habits have on character, and of the necessity for forming good habits early in life. The habits of careful observation, and of making the best use of one's time were alluded to as being very often neglected.

Following the paper there was a general discussion of the subject as viewed from many different standpoints.

A meeting of the Young Friends' Association of New York and Brooklyn was held in Brooklyn, 3rd mo. 8th.

Owing to the absence of the chairman, the History Section made no report.

For the Literature Section, Harriet Cox McDowell spoke of Elizabeth Powell Bond's "Words by the Way." This excellent little book is a collection of talks or sermons which the author, Dean of Swarthmore College, gives the students on First-days. The talk on Prayer which was read to the Association is beautiful. All were recommended as being uniformly good.

Leah H. Miller said that the Discipline Section is continuing the review of the Discipline of the London Yearly Meeting. Mention was made of the way in which business meetings are conducted. Joint sessions are held if sanctioned by the Men's Meeting. Hasty admission into membership is deplored. Friends are cautioned to receive as members only those about whose earnestness and sincerity there is no question. Correspondence with absent Friends is to be encouraged. There are three Meetings in Australia, subordinate to the London Yearly Meeting.

Among Current Topics in Edward Stabler's report, were the defeat of the Italian army in Abyssinia with terrible loss of life, the subsequent riots in Italy, and the effect this most uncalled for war is having on African civilization; the threatened division of the Roman Catholic Church in America, caused by the refusal of the French Canadians to adopt the language, customs, etc., of the English, showing how intense is their love of nationality; the excitement in Spain, due to the recent action of Congress bearing on Cuban affairs, the hostile feeling and its expression, however, having been mainly among students, both in Spain and at home; the financial troubles of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which mean a severe loss to Johns Hopkins University, the funds of