

Meeting, held Tenth Month, 29, 1888; from Ohio Meeting, held at Mount Pleasant, Eighth Month, 27, 1888; Indiana Meeting, held at Richmond, Tenth Month, 1, 1888; Illinois Meeting, held at Clear Creek, Putnam County, Ill., Ninth Month, 17, 1888; and from Genesee Meeting, held at Bloomfield, Ontario, Sixth Month 11, 1888. A committee of fourteen Friends was appointed to consider the epistles and to prepare a suitable answer to be sent to the several Yearly Meetings.

At the afternoon session, on behalf of the representatives, John Saunders reported that they were united in proposing Emmon Roberts as clerk and Evan T. Swayne and Alfred Moore as assistant clerks and a committee of nine to assist in preserving order about the meeting-house. A committee of eight was appointed to assist the clerks in gathering the exercises of the meeting and in publishing the extracts.

A committee of forty-one was appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account, and to report the name of a Friend to serve as treasure for the ensuing year and two Friends as correspondents of the Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed last year to consider the bequest of John M. George to found a boarding-school, made a report which was considered at length. The minute recommending that seven trustees be appointed to hold the title to any real estate purchased or the securities of the endowment fund was adopted. The committee was continued and given authority to purchase the necessary ground, erect buildings and start the school, if way should open. They were also given authority to expend a sum not exceeding \$100,000 of the bequest. The fund at present is about \$150,000, but there will be very large additions made to it when the considerable amount of ground now undisposed of is sold.

The women's branch was organized with Margaretta Walton as clerk and

Annie Caley Dorland as assistant clerk. The epistles from the several yearly meetings were read, and a committee appointed to prepare answers to be sent to the corresponding meetings. The Educational Committee report and also that of the committee on visiting the smaller branches of the meeting were read and carefully considered.

The Friends' Yearly Meeting continued yesterday at Fifteenth and Race Streets. In the morning, report was received from the committee appointed in 1887 to confer with the treasurer and executors of John M. George, showing a balance of \$148,394.71 in the treasurer's hands, of which \$11,094.71 is cash and the balance, \$137,300, in mortgages. The report was accepted and the committee was continued to give further attention to the subject.

The queries and answers were then read. The following is the summary answer to the 4th query:

Friends have been clear of the manufacture of intoxicating beverages, except cider mentioned in one report, and clear of the sale thereof, with an abatement in another report. One case of renting property and five of signing application for licenses were reported.

With few exceptions Friends are careful to discourage the use of intoxicants as a drink, and cautious in their use as a medicine, and generally careful to discourage attending places of diversion and unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and to keep to moderation and temperance on account of marriages, burials and other occasions.

The report of the Committee on Temperance and Intoxicating Beverages was read. Allusion was made to Elizabeth P. Comby, recently deceased, and her faithful labors were presented as encouraging to all.

Seventy-three conferences have been held and a large amount of literature distributed. An address was prepared and printed for distributor. The question was continued.