

keys of the kingdom, we can enjoy a present heaven. Jesus said: 'Behold the kingdom of heaven is within you. If we take Christ in His word and obey Him, we will find Him to be the Saviour and Redeemer. And He is a Saviour, but it is necessary early in life to attend to the revelations of the divine law that Heaven may be realized and enjoyed as we go along in life. We must watch and pray; for to come to Jesus means to look within our own souls - not afar off.'

The meeting closed with prayer by Isaac Wilson.

The Cherry Street end was also completely filled. Short sermons were delivered by Ellison Newport, Samuel S. Ash, Matilda E. Janney, Margaretta Walton, Edwin L. Pierce, Ezra Fell, Mary Heald, of Delaware, and Thomas Sherrard, of Delaware.

The First-day Schools held their annual meeting at 3 p. m. The programme, which was well carried out, was as follows:

Reading from the scriptures. Superintendent, William Birdsell; opening exercises, "New Every Morning," all schools; Fairhill School, Philadelphia, The Book of Life; Horsham School, Pa., Christ's Teachings; West Grove School, Pa., "The Golden Side," responsive exercise from Revelation; Moorestown School, N. J., selected poems; West Chester School, Pa., selections; Darby School, Pa., 'Our Character Monument;' Plymouth School, Pa., "Trust;" Goshen School, Pa., "Praise;" Gwynedd School, Pa., selection; Centre School, Pa., "What are we going to do?" Girard Avenue school, Philadelphia, Scripture reading and response; closing exercise, 8th and 9th Psalms, all schools.

Meetings were held last evening at Fifteenth and Race streets, Fourth and Green streets and Seventeenth and Girard Avenue. The business sessions for members will begin this morning at 10 a. m. and continue through the week.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends at Fifteenth and Race streets commenced

their annual business session yesterday morning. The men and women hold their sessions separately, the meeting-house fronting on Cherry Street being occupied by the men while that on Race street is used by the women. This is a very large yearly meeting, having a membership of about 13,000. It is composed of the quarterly meetings of Philadelphia, Abington, Bucks, Concord, Caln, Western, Southern, Burlington, Haddonfield and Salem and of the half-year's meeting of Fishing Creek.

David Newport and Joel Lare gave some advice as to the deliberations of the meeting, after which Robert Hatton said that a Friend had once said that one of the best rules in speaking, was to know when enough had been said, and he trusted that all would dwell under the cross of Christ, that would keep the tongue in the right place and Robert Barnes made a short prayer.

The roll of representatives from the various subordinate meetings was then called, and of the 134 names thereon all responded but twelve for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was given.

The minutes of visiting Friends were then read as follows: For Isaac Wilson, a minister from West Lake Monthly Meeting, Bloomfield, Ontario; for William M. Way, a minister from Little Britain Monthly Meeting; Robert and Esther H. Barnes, elders from Purchase Monthly Meeting, Westchester County, New York and Rebecca M. Thomas, a minister from Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting.

Words of welcome to the visiting Friends were then spoken by Samuel S. Ash, who said he thanked God for putting it in the hearts of his messengers to bring tidings of truth. David Newport also spoke a few words of welcome. Isaac Wilson expressed his deep feeling at this cordial reception.

The epistles from the several Yearly Meetings were then read, as follows: From New York Meeting, held Fifth Month, 25, 1888; from Baltimore