

released at his own request), both of whom were united with.

There being no business in the reports to claim the attention of the meeting, the usual committees were appointed, and an early adjournment was had.

On Third-day morning the Meeting entered on the consideration of the State of Society. Some deficiencies were apparent, and these elicited considerable exercise from visiting friends. In the evening a temperance meeting was held, which was addressed by Aaron M. Powell, of New York, and others.

The same evening representatives from other Yearly Meetings attended a meeting on Indian affairs. The annual report of Charles Hill, Indian Agent at Santee Agency, was read, and was interesting, as it showed a marked improvement in the labors of the Indians in the past year. The Meeting decided to appoint a matron, if a suitable person can be had, to instruct the Santee women in their domestic duties and encourage them in the art of housekeeping.

Fourth-day morning was devoted to religious worship. A large number attended at both meeting houses, where impressive discourses were delivered.

Afternoon and Fifth-day. Reports were received from the Educational, Philanthropic and other Committees, which were interesting.

Sixty day. The minutes of the proceedings of the Representative Committee for the past year, which had been of an unusually important character, involving the sale of the Lombard street meeting house property, and had elicited considerable discussion, was finally disposed of.

Afternoon. The minute of exercises, also an essay of a reply to the epistles received, were produced and approved. At the request of the Women's Branch, after the concluding minutes were read, the partitions were raised, and the fact that this was the last Yearly Meeting to be held in the venerable meeting

house produced a solemn feeling over the assembly. Appropriate remarks befitting the occasion and the closing of a large Yearly Meeting were made by Thomas Foulke, Allen Flitcraft, Margaretta Walton, and others.

The ancient meeting house was erected in 1804, since then the Yearly Meeting has been regularly held within its walls. Of late years the business of the city has extended in that direction, and the meeting house has been nearly encompassed by stores, warehouses and factories. Recently the property has been sold, possession to be given 1st of Twelfth month; consequently we shall not in a Yearly Meeting capacity meet there again. Many associations cluster around the ancient edifice, and the scenes enacted within its walls. Here our fathers and mothers—our grandfathers and grandmothers—have assembled to hold sweet union and communion in spirit one with another and collectively with the God of their fathers. To many it must prove a solemn, a sad, parting.

Ere another year we hope a suitable location may be procured and a building erected more central and convenient to our members residing in the city. B.

"The Alpine climber down in the valley, still wrapped in the cold and darkness, sees the first sunbeam smite with its fierce splendor the highest mountain top, and thinks it must be impossible by any toil to reach that encrimsoned height. And yet, as the sunrise leaps from peak to peak, he has climbed on and on with long toil up the mountain side, and long before the sunset stands on the topmost crest of eternal snow, heaved up into the cloudless, fathomless blue. So he who in life pursues the highest ideal, the divine; who, when duty says you must, replies I will, shall, through failure and defeat, often falling and stumbling, at last find the toppling crags of duty scaled, and stand upon the shining table-lands, to which God himself is sun and moon."