

the Son of God is the light of the soul by it all things are made clear, it is the very life of the soul, permeating all its avenues and enlightening its darkest recesses. In the soul wherein this light abounds and does its refining work, there is heaven—a heaven that, through faithfulness, we may enjoy here even before the spirit shall have passed beyond the veil that bounds the mortal vision.

Samuel Dickenson entreated the young people to faithfulness. Upon your choice your happiness depends. Place your hand in the hand of your Saviour and he will become a living Saviour.

In the afternoon meeting, Isaac Wilson spoke, taking the circumstance in Jesus' life where "he saw a man which was blind from his birth, and his disciples asked: who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Just as humanity queries to-day—why is it? Trouble your minds less about the cause and the reasons and more about the remedy and results. God is able to open the blind mind. We need only to trust in Him, and He will silence all doubts and questions and criticisms by the "whereas I was blind, now I see." We shall know that our Saviour was never crucified, but that he *liveth*, and because he lives we shall live also.

On Second-day morning the Yearly Meeting proper began.

Jonathan D. Noxon and Rebecca Wilson were at the table, to which office they were appointed for another year.

Minutes were received and read as follows:

One for Darlington Hoopes, a minister from Little Falls, Maryland, and belonging to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

One for Joshua Washburn and wife, elders from Chappaqua N. Y., belonging to New York Yearly Meeting.

Their company was very grateful. Their public testimonies and silent travel zionward was encouraging to us.

Six epistles from other Yearly Meetings were read at this time from men's

and women's meeting of New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia. They were full of inspiring thoughts, some of which may be profitably repeated here. The reiteration of "Mind the Light," calling Friends to the foundation of their belief by the simple yet comprehensive phrase of the founder of their Society, invites associations that are sacred to each member and to every child of the God of Light. May we not lose sight of the *spirituality* of our worship, remembering that "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit." Let us hold fast our principles, for the world is gravitating towards Friends. There is less stress laid upon a blind acceptance of a faith. Practical righteousness as led by Friends is slowly yet surely advancing. It was said by one in the meeting that "the masses of the people cared little for the theology of the clergy. He once asked a stranger: 'Do you belong to a church?' 'Yes.' 'What is your idea of the mode of salvation?' 'If I do as well as I know how, and live as near right as I can, I will stand a good chance of getting to heaven.'" Be faithful to the conviction of your own soul. There is in that conviction a "force that can never be foiled." "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." Trust and doubt not in the *efficacy of the truth*. It was said in one epistle, and it is a warning that ought to come home to each of us for serious consideration: "The luxuriousness of this generation may undermine the character of the future generation." It was also urged vocally upon our sisters to be faithful. Would they might know and use their power and influence for good. They were active in the days of Jesus in their loving ministry. As the trainers of the youthful mind God has given unto you the opportunity, and consequently the commission, in the main, of keeping the world pure. Mothers and sisters and daughters, may you be faithful to the sacred trust

In every Friend, old or young, there should be a dedication to principle.