

way from that generally adopted. There was a general review of the past lessons for the present quarter, conducted by a member of the school, asking of different ones an explanation of the leading thought contained in the lesson. It proved quite interesting, and we trust some profitable thought was awakened. There was also a short talk on the causes of the success or failure of our schools.

Seventh-day morning at ten we met, and after a time of silence J. J. Cornell called our attention to the fact that the religion of Jesus while deep spiritual was also eminently practical, simple, easily to be comprehended, and adapted to assist us in the performance of every day duties. Phoebe C. Wright gave a feeling tribute to the memory of our dear Louisa J. Roberts. According to custom, a lunch about noon was served to all in attendance under the shade of the trees in our Meeting-house yard, after which we returned to the house refreshed in body and invigorated in mind by the pleasant intercourse and release from solid thought, and took up the business of the meeting, which occupied us until near five o'clock.

This statement may lead some to think that we are a *very large* Meeting, and have a great deal of business to transact, which is not really the case, neither were we delayed by "much preaching," but there was a great deal of talk on some of the business, answers to queries, etc. Though the answers were generally received as read, they produced much thought, as was shown by the remarks freely offered, and which to my mind is evidence of life and growth—even opposition, if in a candid spirit, is better than stagnation or indifference.

One thought given out was on the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It does not apply only to the giving of material gifts, but its applicability to a religious life was shown. If we want to receive good in our meetings, if we want them better at-

tended, we must go there with the intention of *giving* something. This something may not always be a vocal ministry, it may be a consecration of our hearts to God and his service, which will be felt by others. If we can only offer a secret prayer for the help of those who may be called upon to give us of their abundance, it will be a gift from us.

First-day morning, after our school, a large company assembled, and in a short time J. J. Cornell spoke to us on the important lesson conveyed to us in the simple words, "Man know thyself," giving us a comprehensive discourse on the three-fold nature of man and his consequent differing duties. He was followed by A. M. in a short analogy between the story of the three wise men of the east, in their search for the King of the Jews, at the time Jesus was born, and the three-fold character of humanity. As the first man who came to the place of meeting was a representative of the physical, he waited for the second, comparable to the mental, and finally the spiritual or third man coming, all met together. We were also told that life is a serious thing.

Our friend, J. J. Cornell, having a concern for another meeting, one was appointed for the afternoon, in which he powerfully portrayed the character of God and the Christian religion as that of love, holding the close attention of his hearers throughout, closing with an earnest appeal to all, and especially the young, to cast out from their minds all thoughts they may have entertained that He was otherwise than love.

Thus closed Blue River Quarterly Meeting, and some of our friends left us the next morning for other fields of labor, but with their departure we hope will not go the memory of their good discourses and our pleasant social mingling, which we consider not the least of our good things at such times, for "As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man," and we feel drawn closer one to another for