

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

While travelling the journey of life from the cradle to the grave, it is but little we can do for each other; but that which is presented with clearness to our minds, as due another, should not be withheld, for we are in a measure our brother's keeper. We may be overtaken by the shadow of adversity when all things of a worldly nature are obscured by darkness. The tide of public sentiment, in our imagination is rolling up against us. In this hour of deep depression of mind, when a brother approaches us in a truly Christ-like feeling, for He said "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye shall have love one for another," our drooping spirits are raised above the things of this world, and the glory of the heavenly kingdom is shown us; and instead of dwelling upon the dark side of the picture, we praise the Lord for His many mercies. Let none of us lose one of these golden opportunities of rescuing the fallen, for when we are clothed upon by the Holy Spirit to administer "balm of Gilead," we are ourselves partakers of its healing qualities. Upon perusing the first issue of THE YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, my feelings were enlisted for those who were hungering and thirsting after the bread and water of eternal life; who were not satisfied with feeding upon husks, but had longing desires for the kernel. There remains to be but one way whereby we can attain this condition,—it is by giving heed to impressions, which is the voice of God clearly manifesting to our minds duties which are required of us. By following this "light within the hope of glory," we not only guide our little craft over the billows of life in safety, but are helpers to those with whom our lot is cast. During the sittings of the late yearly meeting of Genesee, so much harmony and good feeling prevailed that the saying is indeed true, "How good and beautiful it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity."

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Purchase, N. Y., 6th mo, 29th, '86.

There has been severe fighting in Burmah. Several British officers were killed and wounded.

NORWICH MONTHLY MEETING.

Norwich monthly meeting held at Sparta, Yarmouth, Ont., the 9th of 6th month.

The meeting gathered into a deep, solemn and impressive silence, which enabled each one to communicate with the Father in that spiritual worship which we believe to be acceptable in His sight. The quiet was broken by our beloved friend Serena Minard, whose words were felt to be very acceptable. She was soon followed by William Cornell, who quoted that portion of Scripture alluding to the person made whole by touching the hem of Jesus' garment; and he said that he believed there were those present who had the same faith, and he desired them to press forward and they should receive the crown.

In the business of the monthly meeting the reading of the minutes of last month showed that the Committee appointed to inform the young man whose request had been forwarded to a former monthly meeting by way of Arkona Preparative, that we were united in receiving him as a member with us, reported the appointment attended to. There was forwarded to this monthly meeting, by way of Lobo Preparative, two requests for membership by young women. A Committee was appointed to visit them, and report next month.

Before the meeting closed a friend expressed his gratification on reviewing the amount of business that had claimed our attention during the past year. Whole families had joined with us. Last month a young man came forward and is now acknowledged as a member, and to-day we have the requests of two women desiring to be taken into our household of faith. Four marriages have been accomplished within a year under our care—the only ones within ten years. Births and deaths have been recorded. Some of our members have moved from our country, and though distance may separate us, yet in spirit they are with us, and the same good Father's care is over them. Reviewing all the business that has claimed our attention, and the harmony with which it was transacted, it was felt that we had great cause for encouragement and rejoicing.

E. H.

Sparta, 6th month 17th, 1886.