

woolen mill, a silk mill, a carpet factory, a desk factory, besides car shops, furnaces, tube works, etc. The State Normal School is situated on a hill above the town, and is an ornament and an honor to the place.

Proceeding down the Susquehanna along the picturesque road cut out of the solid rock, we soon came to the historic town of Catawissa.

The height of the rocks along the roadside seems as great as it did when we gazed at them with childish eyes, and we still wonder why those overhanging the road do not give way; and the regular tread of the horse on the floor of the covered bridge recalls to our minds bygone days when we crossed the river more frequently than we have in later years.

We passed rapidly through the town, only giving a glance here and there. We were anxious to reach our first stopping place.

The remaining portion of the road was remarkable only for its elevations and depressions, and the beauty of the scenery viewed from the high points until we came to the old Roaring Creek Meeting House and burying ground. Everything appears to be in good repair. Very picturesque is the old log structure that has been built with what seems to us to be surprising neatness. One thought that entered my mind was: How I wish I had a picture of that house and the stately trees near it! I think many Friends would value such a picture for its very quaintness.

After riding a few miles farther, we arrived at the home of Ruthanna Kester and children—the one Friends' family in this neighborhood—where we met with kind greetings and a warm welcome.

The old meeting-house has not been used for years, but the family have a little meeting in their home which they hold regularly, and, if for any reason it is omitted, it is reported to the Yearly Meeting in the answer to the queries through the regular channel.

They also receive the Lesson Leaves,

and meet in a First-day School capacity at the close of their meeting.

After a social visit, a call on a married son, and a refreshing night's rest, we started (on the 19th) for Bear Gap, taking one member of the family with us. Other members were to follow the next day, as the Monthly Meeting was to be held at that place at that time.

We arrived at Perry John's in due season, and the afternoon was pleasantly and we hope profitably spent. The Meeting here, as at Roaring Creek, is held in the family sitting room, and very frequently with no one present except the family.

The 20th was the time for holding the Monthly Meeting, and about eleven o'clock, after a chapter had been read from the Bible, we gathered into the silence. On this occasion there were several present not connected with the Society. The silence was broken by a member of the Monthly Meeting, who was followed in a few minutes by one of the non-members, who spoke very acceptably.

After the close of the business meeting the First-day School convened, and the lesson for the day in the Lesson Leaves was taken up. Surely small meetings are not a failure when two families can show such faithfulness as these families do.

Toward evening on the 20th we started for home. We drove around by the Bear Gap Meeting-House. It is a frame building and has lately been repaired and painted. The grounds around it have been changed. The trees have been cut down and removed, but the brush remains. The old log school-house which used to serve as a meeting-house has been removed. So the picture which was hung on memory's wall years ago can never again be compared with the original.

As we came through Catawissa on our return, we took a look at the old log meeting-house at that place. This is the only one of the three meeting-houses belonging to Roaring Creek Monthly