

MARRIED.—Isaac W. Hamacher to Elizabeth Zavitz, by Friends' ceremony, both being members of Lobo Preparative Meeting, at her parents' home, Poplar Hill, Ont., on 9th day of 4th mo., 1890.

OBITUARIES.

ARMITAGE.—At Newmarket, Ont., 25th of Second month, 1890, Laura L., the only surviving daughter of Elias and Mary Jane Armitage, aged 30 years 4 months and five days.

The writer feels that the example that she set through her comparatively short life is worthy of more than a formal notice. In the early stages of her life she manifested an unusual degree of affection for her parents. As she grew up this quality seemed to expand till it encircled the universe.

This loving disposition enabled her to gather and treasure up many rays of sunshine out of circumstances, wherein the differently organized would find little but clouds and gloom. This quality, combined with a cheerful disposition, gave her a high position in the social circle from which she will be greatly missed. About two years ago she, by request, became united with Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of Friends, of which she remained an esteemed member to the close, which event she welcomed with the same Christian fortitude that characterized her life, leaving no doubt in the minds of those present but that she has gone to reap the rewards of a well spent life.

E. A.

THORN—At her home, near Marengo, O., 3rd mo. 29th, Rebecca P. Thorn, after a very short illness.

Her husband, Isaac Thorn, died in the year 1862. She was born in Buck's Co., Penn., on the 28th of 1st mo., 1821, and, at the time of her death, was one of the oldest residents of her neighborhood, having lived for 48 years at her late home, in the Town of Galen, Wayne Co., N. Y. She was a highly respected and most exemplary woman, a member of the Society of Friends, having united with them shortly after her marriage, her husband being al-

ready a member. She leaves seven children. Her two sons, Joel and Jasper Thorn, live on farms near the homestead. The daughters are: Elizabeth W. Bonnell, of Waterloo, N. Y.; Emily Shotwell, of Swartz Creek, Mich.; Beulah Porter, of Galen; Rose Clark, widow of the late Henry Clark, of Petoskey, Mich.; and Sarah Thorn, of Marengo, N. Y. The two last mentioned lived with their mother.

J. M. D.

WHY SIGN THE PLEDGE?

[The following paper was read at the Christian Temperance Union, of Purchase, N. Y., 2nd mo. 15th, 1890.]

It is your protest against strong drink.—It is time for every thoughtful person to enter a solemn protest against strong drink, which every year is inflicting such awful havoc upon our race.

Who can be indifferent to the woes it brings on hearts and homes, on villages and towns, on countries and continents?

We have a voice, a right to cry aye or nay, a power to assent or protest.

Let us use them by all means on the *right side*, and if we can not express our feelings in any other way, let us at least sign a solemn declaration on paper that we will never again touch the cruellest foe that ever revelled in human tears and blood.

It will benefit your health.—Alcohol is not more necessary to health than any other chemical or medicinal agent.

It gives a momentary glow and stimulus, but you have to pay for them afterwards by an inevitable lessening of vital heat, and animal power, and mental force.

It will save you from temptation.—You have no intention of becoming a drunkard; you scorn the thought. But there is a risk of your becoming one so long as you tamper with the drink. You take it now for the sake of society, but you will come to take it for its own sake. Is it not folly, then, for *you* to run the risk of creating it? Why not stop at once, before that thirst has been aroused?