

## DUANESBURGH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Duanesburgh Quarterly Meeting was held at Albany, N. Y., 2nd mo., 20, '88.

The meeting of ministers and elders being held on Seventh-day afternoon, this meeting was well attended.

Isaac Wilson, of Canada, and several friends from Stratford quarterly meeting were in attendance. After a short season of quiet, Isaac Wilson spoke to us words of encouragement and cheer, and very impressively alluding to the close and tender relation of minister and elder, of watchful care necessary and kind encouragement given, to those small beginnings in the ministry, that are so often suppressed for want of these. At times, perhaps a look of sympathy, a tone, a pressure of the hand, may be God's instrument to open the flood-gate of feeling for some overburdened and exercised mind. Friends should have a care that these are not withheld.

On First-day morning the meeting house on Plain street was nearly filled with an unusually appreciative audience. Many not of our Society being present. Friends from Easton quarterly meeting also joined us at this time. The deep silence was broken by our friend I. W. with these words: "Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." He dwelt at some length upon the spiritual application of these outward symbols, which Jesus used so freely in all his teaching, making plain and clear all that seems dark or mysterious or contradictory in this part of the sacred record, harmonizing all with the one thought, Christ in us, the only hope of present and eternal peace. At the close of the meeting there were many expressions of satisfaction from those not accustomed to the teachings of Friends. Another meeting was held by appointment on First-day evening, when our dear friend, Isaac Wilson, again spoke in clear and forcible language

from this declaration of Jesus. "I am the resurrection and the life, whoso loveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Enlarging upon the thought that living in Christ is essential to belief in Him, and gradually unfolding this wonderful resurrecting power in the soul of man. Its first gentle leadings or pointings to duty, its divine anointings and glorious revealings of truth. But in the attainment of all this man's consent and co-operation are required. We are not to make the "garden," but to "dress and keep it," and then with human passions and propensities all under divine control, the life at last becomes hid with Christ in God. But this truly spiritual condition is reached only by constant watchfulness and prayer. With an earnest appeal to the young to come again to the Father's House, to leave the dry husks which afford no nourishment for the soul, but partake of that bread that shall bless and strengthen and sweeten every enjoyment in life. Then under the Hallowed influence of prayer the meeting closed.

On Second-day morning George T. Powell, of Ghent, N. Y., spoke earnestly upon the subject of temperance and purity of life, as opposed to bodily defilement through all forms of degrading vice, very impressively quoting these words: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of the living God." At the close alluding briefly to the education of the young, and the over anxiety of educators to crowd the young minds with scientific truth at the expense of moral training, referring to the sad condition in business circles according to the reports of failures, embezzlements and fraud.

Isaac Wilson followed in a similar train of thought, bearing upon individual duty, urging us to allow nothing like depression or discouragement to cloud the mind, but by activity in good works look forward to the increasing prosperity and usefulness of our Society, and not of it alone, but in con-