

BUCKS' QUARTERLY MEETING.

Bucks' Quarterly Meeting was held Eighth mo. 21, at Falkington, Penn.

The house, which was built in 1789, is a large, fine stone; will hold between 700 and 800 people, was about two-thirds full of Friends and friendly people from the surrounding country.

Falkington is where William Penn attended meeting, when he lived in what is now called Penn's Manor, in Falls Township, Penn.

The present house is the third one built at Falkington, the second still standing, now used as a dwelling. Both are in a good state of preservation.

Margaret P. Howard, of Philadelphia who attended with a minute, was the first speaker. "My mind has been in sympathy for the younger members, for if we remain as a Society it must fall upon them to maintain our testimonies."

"We have often been confronted with the question, 'What do Friends believe?' In those things which should be decided by the intellect we will differ. From the earliest times there has been a difference in these. Mark the Master's language, when He spoke from the Mount: 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' Mark His parable in Matthew, He says, 'He who receives these things is like a man who built his house upon a rock. It is the doers of the word, not the hearers who are blessed.'"

She mentioned several parables by Jesus.

"I will now give the last message of Jesus as recorded by John: 'To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne.'"

I am very willing to believe with William Penn, all who are pious, meek, pure and devout, are everywhere God's children.

Ellison Newport, of Horsham, Montgomery county, Pa., spoke from Rev.

3: 17 18 verses. His earnest desire was that we might have this gold tried in the fire, even eternal life. After a brief silence he appeared in supplication.

Margaret P. Howard followed: There is a little burden on my mind. The query may be in some minds: "Why do Friends not observe the outward ordinance of the Lord's supper and baptism?" It has been opened to my mind so clearly, I feel I would not be entirely fulfilling my mission at this time if I did not leave it with you.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God." He did not say he baptized. Jesus did not use the word baptize. At the last supper Jesus said: "Keep this till I come." Each mind must have this themselves. When we experience His spiritual coming to our souls, thus being born again into newness of life, we do not feel any need of outward ordinances. He fills our souls, satisfies them, so we have our reasons for not observing them. It is necessary before we can receive His spirit for these temples our bodies to be cleansed. Water is representative of this inward cleansing.

P. S.—Margaret P. Howard seemed to be led in a most remarkable manner to speak to the states of some present. One instance was an Episcopalian, but very liberal in her views; she seems to have gotten above sectarianism. She had asked my sister and self the very questions about the Lord's supper and baptism a few days before Quarterly Meeting. She told us after meeting it seemed to be meant for her. It was the first time she had ever attended Friends' meeting. She was anxious to stay to the business meeting, never having seen women conduct the business in church affairs. A Methodist minister, of the neighborhood, asked if he might remain to the business meeting too.

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