

institutions that make them thus diseased. Concerning the help and encouragement of the poor, so far as duty required and way opened, the thought was expressed that from lack of ability in one way or another our duty may not always be the same, but if we have not the inclination the way will not seem to open, if we do not walk in the light we will not see the way when open. An acceptable epistle from Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting was read. By request our advices were also read at this time.

We met in a feeling of weakness, but as we remained together we seemed to feel new strength, conscious of our deficiencies and short comings, yet having the assurance that strength can alone come from the Divine Power, the meeting concluded

On behalf of the Committee,

H. K. T.

## BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

For the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

The Blue River Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders convened at Highland Creek, Washington County, Ind., at 2 p.m. on Sixth day, the 21st of 5th mo., 1897.—Though small as to numbers, it was favored in a good degree with the overshadowing of the Father's love, and the ministry was felt to be touched as with a live coal from off the holy altar, and testimony was borne to the *essential need* of the elder-ship coming to the same fountain of light and life, to enable them to be as nursing fathers and mothers, by which alone they can aid the ministry, or know how to give bread instead of a stone to those who are hungering for the milk of Christian kindness—to babes in Christ. At 7.30 p.m. on the same day the First-day School Quarterly Conference was held at the same place. The evening was fine and the attendance good. The literary performance was satisfactory, the orations

grand, but the discussion on the subject of teaching the Bible "in the light of a higher criticism" brought on a cloud of discouragement, as all controversies, or arguing in man's wisdom, do, which led to the thought that we will soon require lawyers, as Israel of old, to expound the law, or Greek scholars to tell us whether the proper word or sentence was used in the translation—instead of coming to Him "that hath the key of David," Who alone can unlock for our spiritual needs. And if He would that portions remain sealed for a season, "what is that to thee, follow thou Me." Seventh-day the 22nd, the Quarter proper convened near 10 a.m. The meeting for worship was a favored one; the ministry was with life and power, and all seemed to hinge on the text, "What shall I do to be saved?" We were favored with the company of Wm. M. Way, of Little Britton, Pa. The life of the meeting for business was somewhat marred by the seeming need of laying down Blue River Executive Meeting. It was cause of deep regret, as it was felt to be due in great measure to the want of a little encouragement at the right time, which often increases or decreases in double ratio, in line with the giving or withholding. At 7.30 p.m. an evening meeting. First day a.m. was threatening storm and by meeting time was raining, for which some rather rejoiced, as it kept away the throng of people who were expecting, and generally do come on First day of Quarterly Meeting in such numbers that we cannot accommodate them. The meeting was large notwithstanding the rain, composed mostly of young people. A morning and afternoon session was held, with lunch between, both of which were felt to be refreshing seasons, rendered more so by the good cheer which the innocent young life brought into the Meeting, being more pliable under a living ministry, "like clay in the hands of the potter." We had with us, both yester-