

cannot let this occasion pass without giving expression to the feelings of friendship and esteem in which we hold you. We now offer for your acceptance this small token of our affection for you. You are about to leave us, but you will be accompanied by our sincere wishes for your welfare in your future dwelling place. We hope you may be eminently successful in the object you have in view, and should you in the course of providence return to us after a time you will be cordially welcomed back as a friend and sister.

Reiterating our best wishes for yourself, we subscribe ourselves, yours in affection, on behalf of the pupils of Bloomfield First-day School.

STEWART BROWN,
LOTTIE TALCOTT,
REUBEN NOXON,
J. WEBSTER TALCOTT.

LINES

WRITTEN ON THE EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTH-DAY OF PHEBE W. CORNELL BY
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Her form's erect, her voice is strong,
Her sight, alas ! her sight is gone ;
Her face is wreathed 'n smiles so sweet
When e'er a friend she chance to meet.
Her spirit yearns to do some good
To suffering ones in need of food,
And so she sits alone and plans
Some way to work with her own hands
To serve the needs and wants of those
In making children's plainest clothes.
It is indeed a wondrous sight
To see her spirit always bright
And radiant with a glow of love
From the all inspiring source above.
Tis plain to see that God is near
To aid her in a moment's fear ;
And when our meeting days arrive
We find her there, though eighty-five,
Sitting with her friends and neighbors
Working in those silent labors
With a heart that's timely tuned
To sweetest notes by heaven illumed.
So may we learn our min's to bend
And imitate this noble Friend,
In resignation's calm retreat
Low sitting by her Master's feet

—Mendon Centre, N. Y.

PELHAM HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Norwich Monthly Meeting is held in 8th mo., on the day previous to the Half-Yearly Meeting, coming this year on the 23rd.

We of Lobo, therefore, about forty in number, started on the morning of the 22nd, mostly in our own conveyances. The day was hot and the roads extremely dusty, and we were unfortunate enough to have to travel with the dust much of the way. We found the thirty five or forty miles a sufficiently long journey for one such day. However, with the kindly greeting of Friends, the refreshing effects of water applied, and the benefit from a good meal, we soon forgot our baptism of dust.

Select Preparative Meeting met at 9.30 on the morning of the 23rd. Monthly Meeting at 11 a.m., and the Half-Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders at 3 p.m. Friends belonging to Pelham and Norwich Monthly Meeting were in attendance. None from Battle Creek. Mich.

Sunderland P. Gardener had come to be with us at our Half-Yearly Meeting, accompanied by his son Anson L. They attended the Monthly Meeting, when Sunderland spoke with his usual clearness and power. At the close of the first meeting, becoming ill, he was obliged to leave, and was unable to attend the sessions of the Half-Yearly Meeting, much to the regret of those in attendance. The spirit was indeed willing, but the flesh was weak. Hopes are entertained of his speedy recovery. But a man at 87 has lost to a large extent his recuperative powers.

The Monthly and Half-Yearly Meetings of business were not above their usual size, nor was there much business out of the ordinary line transacted, but the house on First Day was filled to overflowing. Nearly a thousand people must have gathered. The