

allow a five minutes view of Horse-Shoe Falls, from "Fair View."

At St. Thomas they left the train and took a ten miles drive in the country to Sparta, where they attended Seventh-day afternoon and First-days' Meetings of Pelham Half-Yearly Meeting.

Although not encouraged by the presence of any visiting Friends, the Meetings were filled with the same inner life and light and deep interest, so prominent in larger gatherings. Serena Minard, Samuel P. Zavitz, William Cornell, James Zavitz, and others spoke.

A ride of about forty miles, through fine farming country, past grain field and orchard, streams, river and springs, city, towns and villages, and our little party arrives safely at homes again, invigorated into more active life by the experiences of the trip.

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THE CONFERENCE AT CHAP-PAQUA.

In the early part of eighth month,
In the year of ninety-four,
To the pleasant hills of Chappaqua
Came a thousand Friends, and more.

From north and south, from east and west,
They gathered to the feast,
Each with a heart-felt interest,
From the greatest to the least.

Why are they thus assembled?
That each from each might learn;
That the Father's holy fire
Might forever brightly burn.

The subject of the First-day School
Was presented to their thought,
The Lesson Leaves, their teachings,
And manner of being taught.

In the Religious Conference
Were subjects of great weight
Presented to the open minds
And offered for debate.

Deep truths, and firmly grounded,
Poured forth from hearts o'erflowing,
To strengthen those of trembling steps,
Who in these paths are growing.

The Philanthropic Union's work
Next claimed the Friends' attention,

Of all its different sections
I cannot here make mention.

But earnest work is being done
By steadfast Friends, and true,
In every field of mission work
They find a part to do.

The harvest truly is plenteous,
And the laborers—are they few?
Look into these earnest faces
And the answer comes to you.

Here a thousand hearts are beating,
Waiting eagerly to know
In what portion of the vineyard
Will the Father have them go.

And withal, the social mingling
Of a company like this,
Cannot fail to have an influence
That the Heavenly Father 'll bless.

And we trust as they departed
To their widely scattered homes,
Each one took his needed portion
Of the Master's precious crumbs.

P. A. HOAG.

RISE OF THE SOCIETY IN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, AND THE WEST INDIES.

1656-60.

CHAPTER XVI.

Not only in New England were the principles of the Society of Friends' presented by women, but also in Virginia, Maryland, and the West Indies. And at the time that Mary Fisher and Anne Austin were performing their religious missions in and about Boston, Elizabeth Harris visited the Virginia colonies. She was received quite kindly, and after her return to England she sent a number of books to the colonists, which were gladly received. We must not forget, however, that books in those days were not so plentiful as they are now, therefore all printed matter was eagerly sought after. Among the converts of Elizabeth Harris was one, Robert Clarkson, who, in a letter to her after her return to England, speaks of two messengers whom she sent, and of whom I shall speak later. I mention this to show how persistent they were in the work, and that the workers were united by one bond of sympathy.