

What Are, and What Will be Friends' Views of Music in Meeting?" by Lillie S. Decou, was read. The writer states she thinks most Friends are fond of music, yet comparatively few of them, either now or in the generation to come, would care to have singing in meeting. This may seem strange until we realize that "The temple of our purest thoughts is silence." The general sentiment of the meeting seemed to be in full unison with the writer. Rebecca Hendrickson read a selection by Louis C. Janes, on "A Rational Meaning of Inspiration." A paper was presented by Daniel Willets, "On the Influence and Good Accomplished by Commissioner Roosevelt, of New York." In the discussion which followed the reading of this paper, the feeling seemed to be that Mr. Roosevelt was deserving of the highest praise for the stand he had taken in the cause of right, and that every true citizen should be proud of the noble work he has accomplished in one year.

The meeting adjourned to meet 10th mo. 28, 1895.

M. W. F. MOON, Secretary.

### CANADA HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Our Half-Yearly Meeting commenced at Yonge street, the 28th of 9th mo.

The meeting for ministers and elders was held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In the evening the Committee on Philanthropic Labor held a very satisfactory meeting. The time was principally taken up with suitable readings and recitations on the subject of temperance, and two good papers on impure literature were read.

First day morning the weather was cool—heavy wraps and fire not uncomfortable, a decided change—and quite an agreeable one to many—from the first-day previous, when the thermometer stood in the nineties. The meeting for worship was well attended,

attentive and appreciative throughout. Isaac Wilson arose with the words: "And God blessed them and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth,'" speaking with power and wisdom, and with earnest, forcible language he showed how salvation could be obtained by perfect obedience to the Divine will. The audience was held in close attention for about an hour and a-half. The meeting closed in fervent prayer by the same speaker.

In the afternoon the First-day School Association was held. An excellent essay was read, written by Charlotte Talcott, of Bloomfield, evidencing a deep and living concern for the welfare of our Society and its younger members.

Second-day morning, in the meeting for worship, Isaac Wilson gave a very earnest and practical address, clothed in language beautiful and yet so simple that religion thus taught is robbed of all its mystery.

Lunch was provided in the other part of the meeting-house, which was largely partaken of and enjoyed, after which the Meeting settled quietly into the usual routine of business.

After a beautiful prayer from Isaac Wilson, our Meeting closed with thankfulness for the many blessings enjoyed, and trust we may practice daily in our lives the living truths that have been spoken unto us. A. W.

"Keys denote the power of opening and shutting; this power was not given to Peter as a man but to the *living faith*. Peter there represented for Peter was a type sometimes of a *living faith* and sometimes of a *faith perverted and destroyed* as in same chapter," etc.—*From Intellectual Repository*

"The serpent, in all its varieties, is a true type of the sensual principle of the human mind under its various phases."—*Edward Madelay*.