

## ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

On Second day evening of 1st mo., 23, at an appointed hour, friends (about forty in number) assembled at the residence of Isaac and Ruth Wilson, where a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. On this occasion a handsome chair was presented to Isaac Wilson, and, on behalf of his friends, the following address was read by J. Webster Talcott:

*To Isaac Wilson:*

Dear Friend,—It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and gratitude that we are gathered together this evening to present to thee this small token of our appreciation. With a feeling of pleasure, because of that most precious gift of God—love—whereby we may enjoy each other's society and mingle together in friendship and unity; of gratitude, because we feel that it is a debt we owe thee for the interest that thou hast manifested in the welfare of thy fellow men, and the untiring energy that has marked thy labors in the advancement of all questions of moral reform that would tend to elevate those around thee to a higher sphere of usefulness. We also recognize, with pleasure, the ability that characterizes all thy teachings in the mission of love that thou hast been engaged in. We are likewise conscious of the fact through the will of our Heavenly Father, thou hast been pleased to sacrifice a large portion of thy time and strength in the maintenance of those truths that God has dispensed to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. No doubt thou hast trials and troubles midst the storms and tempests of this life as well as the rest of us, and thy path may be strewn with thorns as well as with roses; but the work thou hast seen fit to engage in is one of love and pleasure. "Right" has always been thy "guiding star" in all thy dealings with thy fellow-men, and thy aim hast been to "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they will." As it is not in accordance with the

principles held by Friends to accept pecuniary assistance for services rendered to the Society while in the capacity of minister, we feel it our duty to ask thee to accept this small gift, inadequate though it may seem, in past recognition of thy services. We are pleased to know those services have not been confined within the limits of the Society—that thou hast been called to other fields of labor in thy onward and upward march. We would be ungrateful indeed if, after receiving kind words of council from thy lips for so long, we did not show our appreciation and gratitude in some way, therefore we ask thee to accept this gift, accept it in the spirit in which it is given. And may treasures await thee in heaven for the labors performed on earth are the well wishes of us all.

*Bloomfield, 1st mo. 31st, '88.*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Who is God? Supreme Ruler—pure Spirit. What is a child of God? Divine offspring. How do we know the child of God? Through spirit birth. Where does this spirit birth take place? In the physical man. What does this pure birth have to do with the physical man? It furnishes him with divine light and life. How? By inspiring him to good works, for the light makes the way plain to holy living. What does this divine birth teach? Obedience to God, clothing the recipient in love, and love produceth happiness. What is salvation? Preservation of man from the bondage of sin, conferring on him everlasting happiness. What then does man's salvation consist in? In heeding and obeying spiritual manifestations which keep him from straying and wandering into the wilderness of the natural. Who then is the Saviour of man? God is his Saviour. Why, and how do we know God is the Saviour of mankind? Because we have personally learned God is our head manifesting Himself to