

## OBITUARIES.

CUTLER—In Lobo, on the 23rd of 6th mo., of apoplexy, John Cutler, a member of Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, aged 66 years and 9 months.

HILBORN—At Arkona, on the 11th of 6th mo., Levi Hilborn, a member of Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, aged 69 years and 9 months.

Arkona Meeting owes much to this valued Friend. His interest in Society and his consistent walk in life did much to gather Friends there into their present standing.

SMITH—At his home, near Canandaigua, Lenawee County, Mich., on 6th mo., 14th, 1889, Joseph H. Smith, in the 82nd year of his age, for many years an elder of Battle Creek Monthly Meeting.

Joseph Hull Smith was born 1st mo., 31st, 1808, in New York city. He was the youngest son of Jacob and Deborah Smith. His parents were Friends, of which Society Joseph was always a consistent member, embracing their views and peculiarities in his earliest childhood. He passed his early life in New York, and adopted his father's trade of a carpenter. On 10th mo., 1st, 1835, he was married to Phoebe G., daughter of Silas and Hannah Seaman, at Orange county, New York. His wife died in 1842, leaving him with two sons, Willet and Silas. The latter died in infancy. Willet died at the age of thirteen at Seneca, Mich. He was again married on the 23rd of 6th mo., 1845, to Hannah, oldest daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Secor, at Seneca, Mich. His wife and their three children are left to mourn, but not without hope. He continued to reside in New York till the spring of 1850, when with his wife and daughter he moved to Adrian, Mich. Here they connected themselves with Battle Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, held near Adrian. As long as this particular meeting was continued they were active members, serving many years as elders and clerks. In 1861 he moved to Seneca, where he has since resided. When he came West he adopted the occupation of a

farmer, which he referred to with great satisfaction. Although he left the home of his youth and all his relatives so far away, and engaged in work entirely new to him, he often remarked that "he had never regretted the change." His life was uneventful, but marked by uprightness, integrity and consistency, and his end was peace. E. S. S.

## GENESEE YEARLY MEETING.

Genesee Yearly Meeting of 1889 held, by adjournments, from the 10th to the 13th of sixth month. There were two sessions each day excepting the last, two of the afternoon ones being devoted to the First day School work and one to Temperance. The meeting for ministers and elders was on Seventh-day. A young people's meeting was held on Fourth-day afternoon after the F. D. S. session. An appointed meeting was held by Isaac Wilson on Fourth-day evening.

On First-day, after a season of preparative waiting, the silence was broken by Darlington Hoopes, who reminded us that God, and God alone, was the only object of divine worship; that He was, and ever remains to be, the teacher of His people himself, and that He does this through the medium of divine revelation, visiting each succeeding generation and each individual soul with His will by impressions upon the understanding. We were all created for some purpose; if we fail to do our part God's work is not thwarted, only we lose the reward, and the reward may be eternal life. It was the love that dwelt in Christ which was the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, and this was the self same power and influence that was shed abroad from Mt. Calvary, the blood of Christ, that cleanseth from all sin.

John J. Cornell followed, and discoursed on the text: "God is love, and in Him is no darkness at all," showing that as the outward sun discovereth all things to us and is the very source and life of all material things, so inwardly