

but while not in the least disparaging these worthies, the query will sometimes force itself upon the thinking mind, *are* the Friends of these latter days so far behind those of a hundred years or more ago, as we are sometimes led to believe, from the statements of some? The *true* Friend does not want to fall from his high estate.

There is quite a settlement of Wilbur Friends near by, having a large meeting-house and school-house of their own, and some very nice farm buildings. It was notable that nearly all the farms were supplied with good substantial houses and barns, typical of the characters of their owners—strong and sturdy. This part of Iowa is much more broken than in the vicinity of Webster City, being really hilly; both are very fertile, the soil having a wonderful faculty of resisting drouth, and raising good crops, despite lack of rain. I am told by reliable persons that notwithstanding the unprecedentedly dry weather of the past season, the yield of corn in this locality averaged 45 and 50 bushels to the acre. Just now the cold is severe, and yesterday the wind howled around like a blizzard, but to-day the sun is shining, there is no wind, and it is a fine winter's day.

E. H. COALE.

Webster City, Iowa, 12, 16, '93.

MAGNOLIA CENTRE W. C. T. U.

MT PALATINE, PUTNAM CO., ILL.

12 mo. 22, 1893.

We would send a New Year's greeting to our Canadian sisters, wishing you a happy new year. We suppose there are many bands of them in that great Province. It always seemed so far away until we met and mingled with our beloved friends, Isaac Wilson and wife, whose gentle kindness and loving counsels blended all in such harmony with them. Then later at Chicago, in the Friends' Congress, we had the pleasure of meeting with our live editor, S. P. Zavitz, whose pleasant friendliness strengthened "the tie that binds."

Our Union was in want of funds. What one is not?

Woman's inventive genius is greater than her strength in the matter of raising money, and it is well that this is so, as all the sisters know there are many demands for "filthy lucre." Some call it the root of all evil. I do not, as it can be made instrumental in promoting so much good, relieving so much distress and procuring so many needed comforts that it is an inestimable blessing to mortals if only used aright.

We decided to hold a fair. In this case decision meant action. A committee of three were appointed to solicit articles to represent each day in the week. Sabbath was represented by W. C. T. U., and religious literature to give and sell. Second day had aprons, clothes pins, tubs, wash boards and other things pertaining to wash day.

And thus to the end of the week, articles sold for each day typical of its duties.

From the coffee counter and fruit stand, with the oysters served, combined with articles sold from the different booths, the net receipts were \$51.52. Lest I weary all, I bid good night.

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We had the unexpected pleasure of having at our Meeting, on the 24th of 12th mo., our dear friends, Joshua L. Mills, of Illinois, and Isaiah Lightner and wife, of Genoa, Nebraska.

Such meetings and greetings do us all good, and we hope they may be often repeated. The tender relations of true friendship help our spiritual growth, and bring sunshine into many lives that might otherwise be cheerless and lonely. Some natures seem especially adapted to the work of reaching out with love and sympathy, and drawing many in where they may receive help and comfort, thus following the example of our Saviour as he went about doing good. And when he said