

DUANESBURGH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Duanesburgh Quarterly Meeting was held at Quaker street, 11th mo. 17th, 18th and 19th.

The meeting of ministers and elders on Seventh-day afternoon was small, yet the Divine presence was felt to be with us.

The arrival of several visiting Friends at the close of the meeting cheered and comforted us.

On First-day morning, at the close of the First-day School, quite a large gathering of Friends and others were assembled. Out of the solemn stillness the voice of prayer arose, bringing all hearts under a canopy of Divine love.

Our friend, Robert S. Haviland, gave abundant testimony to the Divine call for obedience to known duty, showing that the development of our spiritual lives are governed by the same laws as are the intellectual and physical—the law of constant use—hence the necessity for constant and continued obedience to that which we know to be right.

He dwelt upon the fact that our lives are too *narrow* and *commonplace*, we should *think* more, reach out after new truth, forget *self* and our own *selfish* aims and purposes, and realize each day a renewed consecration. Then shall the Father work in us “to will and to do of His own good pleasure.”

On First-day evening Friends were invited to take a part in the services at the Christian Church. Our friend, Robert Haviland, was again enabled to hold the close attention of his audience through quite a lengthy discourse, beginning with the words of Paul to the Ephesians: “Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children, and walk in love.”

The main points so beautifully developed were that the Christian life was not one of servitude to a hard master, but the close and tender relationship of parent and child.

The beautiful co-operation of the Divine with the human; the oneness

with Christ, and the heirship of all humanity to our Divine birth-right, which is the revelation of God to every human soul.

There were many expressions of unity and kindly appreciation after the close of the meeting.

On Second-day morning the meeting was small, a few not Friends being present with us. Robert Haviland was again favored to speak. He was reminded of the message of Christ to the woman of Samaria, the meaning of true worship, and the faithfulness on the part of the messenger.

The business of the Quarterly Meeting was taken up and concluded, and the meeting closed under a feeling that we had been bountifully blessed.

M. J. H.

EASTON AND SARATOGA QUARTERLY MEETING.

It was my privilege to attend the several sessions of this Quarterly Meeting, held at Easton, the 14th and 15th of 11th Month.

The meeting of ministers and elders on Third-day afternoon was fully as large as usual, some Friends having driven seven miles to attend it. The counsel given was tender in feeling, and searching in character, all hearts being drawn together in a precious feeling of unity. A cold storm of snow and sleet met us as we separated, but it could not chill the kindly feeling and the warm outflow of love.

On Fourth-day the meeting was held at the South Meeting House. We were gratified to see a good number in attendance, a large share of these being young people. All were closely attentive to the spoken word. Philip S. Dorland, from Saratoga Monthly Meeting, and Mary J. Hoag, from Duanesburgh Monthly Meeting, were in attendance. During the business part of the meeting we were gratified to learn that a proposition to change this Quarterly into a Half-Year's Meeting—and being decided at a previous meeting—