

believing we had a better conception of religious life to-day than ever known before, and that in all things pertaining to secular life there was growth and improvement.

"Give the meaning of the third Query," was answered by Letitia C. Willits, who declared "a free gospel ministry, depending upon the leadings of the Spirit of Truth, is very essential to the best welfare of our Society, and if such ministry is in the life and power of Christ, it will know no guiding that is not of the Holy Spirit, nor seek reward from man when the gift has been so freely bestowed from on high." The writer did not feel she would be violating this Query in attending another service, providing it did not conflict with her own, or become habitual. This paper was followed with unexpected unity, and the expression that if we absent ourselves from other denominations it looked narrow minded and unfriendly, seemed to represent the sentiment of the meeting. Friend Laing thought free gospel ministry had placed the Society where it stands to day. Caleb D. Shreve, of Atlantic City, thought it not only important to have a free gospel ministry, but also to have a free ministry of the gospel, that any member should be willing to speak the word given him. Friend Cornell thought we should be careful in giving utterance, and consider well whether the command came from on high. The discussion throughout was most instructive as well as interesting.

The Nominating Committee reported the following to serve as officers for the ensuing year: President, Laura H. Satterthwaite; First vice-President, G. Sherman Potts; Second Vice-President, John R. Satterthwaite; Secretary, A. Crozier Reeves; Treasurer, Florence H. Tittensor. The four additional members upon the Executive Committee are: Wm. L. Ambler, Wm. H. Tomlinson, Carrie S. Bamford, and Wm. Walton.

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BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING.

Blue River Quarterly Meeting was held at Clear Creek, Illinois, on Sixth and Seventh days 11th mo. 27th and 28th. The weather, having suddenly turned colder, was quite inclement and the roads very rough. However, a few members of Benjaminville Meeting, in McLean County, were in attendance and lent their presence and strength as well as counsel to the business transactions and spiritual advancement.

Sixth-day afternoon the meeting for Ministers and Elders met, and in the evening the Quarterly Conference of First-day Schools convened. The attendance was fair and quite a lively interest was manifest. A good programme had been prepared, and after the routine business had been disposed of the little folks of the infant class gave a pleasing class exercise. A well-prepared and interesting Bible story was then read by a primary pupil. Interesting discussions were then listened to upon papers read upon the subjects: "What preparation should a teacher make before coming before his class," and "The influence of the First-day School upon a community." An essay upon the subject "Man's Powers" was read and contained much food for thought. The reports from the First-day Schools so far as received showed quite a favorable interest for the winter months and a fair attendance.

On Seventh-day morning the Quarterly Meeting convened, and after the hour of worship the business claiming the attention of the Meeting was transacted. This being the first Quarter after the Yearly Meeting not much business was transacted. However, during the devotional part of the Meeting, as well as in the business session, much good counsel and feeling testimony was given largely upon the themes of the Bible as an educator, the inconsistency of sin and its prevalence, and the happiness of obedience.