

The principles of love, justice, etc., can operate in both directions, not alone towards ourselves, which is easiest and most agreeable. There should be a free trade of action. Applying this to our daily life, we shall find ourselves selfish when we do not know it.

Evil thoughts will come at times to every one, I believe; but it is the entertaining them that works evil. W.

The place for acceptable worship is within our own hearts, which we have with us everywhere. JAS. POUND.

WESTBURY QUARTERLY MEETING.

TO THE YOUNG FRIENDS REVIEW.

The spring session of Westbury Quarterly meeting of New York Yearly Meeting, was held in Brooklyn, 4th mo., 23, 1887.

The Quarterly Meeting consists of New York, Westbury, Jericho, Flushing and Cornwall Monthly Meetings.

The days of the week for holding the business and public meetings have, until a year ago, been Fifth and Sixth days, the meeting for ministers and elders on fourth day; but then a change was made and the plan adopted of holding the business meeting on Seventh day and the ministers' and elders' meeting one day previous.

The day was quite stormy, a heavy rain falling preventing many from coming who would no doubt otherwise have been present, but the meeting could not be called a small one. We had no ministers from other Quarterly Meetings with us, nevertheless the feast was spread and fragments gathered up and we had a calm and pleasant meeting. Isaac Hicks, of Westbury, spoke of the constant development of a religious life. Reminding us that the sea was formed from many small additions of water and the sandhills by the sea were made of many small grains of sand, and that it is by constant additions that growth and progress in all things is accomplished. Samuel Haines, of New York, arose with the words "The doctrine that I preach is not of myself but of Him that sent me." He seemed impressed

with the need of our trusting and placing reliance upon this Spirit of Christ within us. That often we would form plans with precision, caution and our apparently best judgment, but how often had they come to nought, been frustrated and swept away as marks upon the changing sand. He spoke of seasons we often experience of alienation from our Heavenly Father, and that he had observed that they followed times when we had been placing too much dependance upon our own powers, and how in all humility we were brought to say, "Oh my leanness! Oh my leanness!" In his gentle yet earnest manner he called upon the young especially to rely upon this ever guiding spirit within, and that each moment should be well spent.

Elias Underhill, also of New York, alluded to the answer made by Jesus when brought before Pilate that "to this end was I born to bear witness to the truth," and spoke of the vastness of the meaning of the word truth in this sense, that to religious truth there is no ultimatum.

Another Friend presented the thought that a religious life is one of cheerfulness and joy.

Then Samuel Haines again arose, making an earnest appeal to the young especially to bend their necks to the yoke which is really a light one. A religious life, even though one of sacrifice, is not gloomy, that even if for a parent a pleasure is given up it is replaced by a peace which passeth all understanding.

In the business meeting the queries with the answers from the several monthly meetings were read, also reports regarding the First-Day schools. A Committee, which for the past year has been searching up the records of the various Monthly Meetings, made a very interesting report. Finding that they have the books of mens' business meeting of Berthpage, Long Island, continuously to date from 1773 and of Jericho since 1787, of the other meetings from a later date. A new departure for Brooklyn was made this year in providing refreshments in the meeting house. It was adopted not from any want of hospitality on the part of the Friends living in Brooklyn, but as a convenience to such as must hasten