

other evils which arise from keeping dissipated company, for fear of offending our friends or for fear of being called a Christian indulge in the perceptive wrong. When we are left in this world to judge for ourselves and have partaken of the "forbidden fruit" do we often retrace our steps and pause in despondency for our misdeeds? Moral Courage is the first step to a higher life, we may still have morality, but unless we are guided by that "in-speaking voice" we derive no spiritual benefit.

We can commit sin with our minds as well as verbally. "The web of life is drawn in the loom but we weave the woof ourselves." the material is our own choice. Many times our words and actions may touch a chord in some heart so that its influence will vibrate all their lives, and it is the same be it good or evil.

Our actions are not always made visible to us at the time being, therefore it is needful for us to weigh each that we may know our own work.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

It was my privilege to attend Shrewsbury and Rahway quarterly meetings, in company with my husband, held at Plainfield in the State of New Jersey. It is situated 24 miles from the City of New York, on the Bound Brook Railroad leading to Philadelphia. Its population numbers about 12,000, and it is estimated that 800 of them go daily to business in New York. It is pleasantly situated, having broad streets, and the buildings are neatly constructed and denote prosperity. The meeting house is located very near the depot, and bears upon its front the date of 1788. We were informed they thought to celebrate its centennial in 8th mo. next, at the time of their quarterly meeting.

We arrived at Plainfield on 4th day, the 15th, and at 11 o'clock attended monthly meeting, which was small,

especially with the men as several of their members were sick. There are eight belonging to this meeting over 80 years of age, several of them still very active in their homes and in the church. At 3 o'clock attended the meeting of ministers and elders. Elizabeth Plummer, a minister, in company with Isaac Eyre and wife from Buck's quarterly meeting, Pa., were in attendance. The former had service in the ministry.

Fifth day, the 16th, was quarterly meeting for worship and discipline. Testimonies were borne to the efficacy of the power and wisdom of God, which will direct us in the way which leads to life eternal when we are willing to be obedient to its requirements. The business of the meeting was conducted in the usual manner. No marked deviations in the answers to queries.

At 3 o'clock we attended a meeting of the Temperance Committee, and others. It was an entertaining occasion, convincing us of the advancement being made in this important branch of our work.

The hope is that an individual responsibility may be felt by us as a society, to keep the Temperance wheel rolling on, by strictly adhering ourselves to it. Then we will prove by our works where we stand.

On the 18th was public meeting. A good sized and favored one.

Thus ended the quarterly meeting, and as we parted with our friends we acknowledged in our hearts the kindness and hospitality we had received, and returned to our home feeling renewed zeal to do the will of our Heavenly Father.

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"No man or woman can really be strong, gentle, pure, and good without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness. —[Phillips Brooks.