

A TRIBUTE TO THE SHEAVES.

All day the reapers on the hill
Have plied their task with sturdy will,
But now the field is void and still ;

And, wandering thither, I have found
The bearded spears and sheaves well bound,
And stacked in many a golden mound.

And while cool evening gravely grows,
And o'er the sunset's dying rose
The first great white star throbs and glows,

And from the clear East, red of glare,
The ascendant harvest moon floats fair,
Through dreamy deeps and purple air.

And in among the slanted sheaves
A tender light in glamour weaves,
A lovely light that lures, deceives—

Then, swayed by Fancy's dear command,
Amid the past I seem to stand,
In hallowed Bethlehem's harvest land.

And through the dim field, vague described
A homeward host of shadow's glide,
And sickles gleam on every side.

Shadows of man and maid I trace,
With shapes of strength and shapes of grace
Yet gaze but on a single face—

A candid brow, still smooth with youth ;
A tranquil brow ; a mien of truth—
The patient, star-eyed gleaner, Ruth !
—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

A VISIT TO OHIO YEARLY MEETING.

We left our home to attend Ohio Yearly meeting on 8 mo., 27th, and that day attended Buck's Quarterly Meeting, held at the Falls. That evening at 11:20 p. m., in company with Louisa Wright, Isaac and Elizabeth Eayres, started from Broad St. station for Salem, Ohio.

In passing over the Alleghany mountains the scenery was grand in the extreme, the horse shoe bend and the view of the valley from the ascent on the mountain is like a Swiss scene, except the snow-capped.

The bend is a gradual curve, so when passing, those in the middle of

the train see the engine and cars on opposite ends at the same time. Being graded an ascent of 90ft to the mile, we gradually go up until we reach the top, when we shoot through a long tunnel.

We also pass through Johnstown, it is all built up, and they showed us the one house that had been left standing after the flood. The valley below has dead trees lying, and still retains the appearance of a great submerging by water.

We arrived at Salem at 4 p. m., the 28th. We were met by James Whinery, in whose pleasant home we were made very welcome guests for the week. We were at the hospitable homes of nearly all the Friends.

The meeting of ministers and elders held next day was a favored one. Edward Coale, from Illinois, was in attendance, whose earnest labors made a deep impression on the meeting.

Levi Benson was also there, and whose labor and zeal showed he was a live man. Louisa Wright was a sweet messenger of peace and good will to all.

The meetings were all well attended, and love prevailed in an eminent degree, and we could not but observe that when any absent members were spoken of it was always in praise of their good deeds.

The meeting was held in joint session the two last days for an experiment. It concluded on the 3rd of 9th mo., and we parted to hold the many Friends we mingled with in kind remembrance. When we came among them we only knew three of the members, but in parting we felt we were leaving many Friends behind. And we can say Ohio Yearly Meeting was favored with a precious covering from beginning to the end.

We had two months previously attended Genesee Yearly Meeting, and felt they compared very favorably together.

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