

ties of their work for daily bread shall give no thought at all to their public utterances. Diffuseness and turbidity necessarily result from such neglect.

Reduced to simplest terms, the thoughts I wish to convey are these: That our ministry has not, and should not claim, any other authority than its truthfulness and helpfulness gives it; that only a valuable truth clearly in mind gives anyone the privilege of breaking in on the thoughts of others; and lastly, that ideas for public expression should be faithfully and clearly thought out before they are publicly expressed.

JESSE H. HOLMES.

Kearney, Neb., 8th mo., 1889.

For the REVIEW.

FAITH.

Oh! it is sweet to walk with thee, my Father,
To feel Thy hand clasp mine by night or day,
To know that thou art ever, ever near me,
However dark or stormy be the way.

And though I walk through tangled forests
lonely,
Or cross o'er rivers flowing deep with tears,
I hear Thy voice in gentle accents reach me,
Still whispering "Peace" throughout all the
fleeting years.

And when, at times, the day is brightly shining,
I see Thy face, more radiant than the sun,
All wreathed in smiles of tender, loving kind-
ness,
"Well done, my faithful, faithful ones, well
done!"

And when I weep with those I know are
weeping,
As Thou would'st have us "Weep with
them that weep,"
I feel that we are still within Thy keeping;
Thou holdest blessings in Thy fountain deep.

How tenderly the light of Thy rejoicing
Bids us "Rejoice with them that do rejoice."
There is no joy except Thy presence cheereth,
There is no woe too deep to hear Thy voice.

Oh! it is sweet to walk with Thee, my father,
To yield unto Thy loving arms of light,
To rest the weary head upon Thy bosom,
Secure until we reach Thy realm more bright.

JULIA M. DUTTON.

Waterloo, N.Y., June 23rd, 1889.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING.

MINUTES OF EXERCISES.

[We had made arrangements for a report of New York Yearly Meeting, but for some cause it failed to reach us. We therefore copy from the Extracts the minutes of exercise of the different meetings.—EDS.]

MEN'S MEETING.

The Yearly Meeting assembled as usual, a good number of Friends, including many visitors from other yearly meetings, whose company was most acceptable to us, being in attendance.

It has been comforting to us all to behold this renewed evidence, that the interest in our time-honored Society and the love of its principles, still retain a strong hold on the hearts of so many of its members.

The meeting was opened after a season of silence by an impressive allusion to the fact that we are all members of a living body, and that everything that impairs the soundness or health of any one, even the least of the members, imperils the soundness of the whole body.

The exercises of the meeting have been lively and very generally participated in, and while differences of opinion on practical methods have been entertained and freely expressed, we have been privileged to remain in a state of harmony and brotherly love, and a condition of mind to yield extreme views to the common interest of the whole body.

The many deficiencies disclosed by the answers to the queries have been a source of much solicitude to us; but while we have mourned over these, it has not been as those who mourn without hope. We believe there are discernible evidences of the awakening of renewed interest in the maintenance of our precious testimonies, and the future is bright with hope. Especially is this hope based on the presence with us at this time of so many youthful Friends,