

The business meeting was interesting. The usual business carried on, and reports on various subjects read.

After the meetings were concluded, a beautiful feature of the day was witnessed. In the bright cheerful room down stairs, were spread tables for the accommodation of Friends who found it most convenient to dine there, although hospitable invitations to the homes of Friends were given and accepted.

Some energy had been spent to make the dinner at the meeting-house as pleasant as possible, and the snowy linen and dainty china, together with the bright happy faces of the Young Friends who acted as waitresses, made a scene that did the heart good. H.

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*For Young Friends' Review.*

Owing to the time of holding Purchase Quarterly Meeting, I am aware a number of weeks will elapse before an account of it can be had through this medium; yet, feeling that a brief extract may be of interest to some of its readers, prompts me to write. The meeting for ministers and elders was held on third day, the 1st of 5th mo., at 2 o'clock, p. m., at Amawalk. Although small in numbers, yet we were privileged to have some with us who labored for the cause of righteousness for many years, and are still pressing forward, leaning upon the staff of dedication to the requirements of duty.

On 4th day, the second of the month, the meeting was quite well attended, considering the inability of a number being prevented by sickness and infirmities incident to old age; and a larger number than usual having been taken from their work to reap the rewards of their labors. Isaac Eyre and wife, and John C. Stringham and wife were acceptably in attendance with us. The former from Buck's Quarterly Meeting, Pa., the latter from Locust Valley, L. I. In the business meeting the eleven queries were answered from our three monthly meetings, the substance of which were

directed to the yearly meeting. According to the reports there had been First-day Schools at Purchase, Chap-pagua, Mt. Kisco, and Amawalk, under the care of committees. Fifth-day the public meeting was quite large. Testimonies were borne to "mind the light," which shines as brightly to-day upon our understandings, as it did upon the minds of any in preceding generations, and will direct us to do our work as we are willing to admit its rays to shine upon our hearts, and be led by the unerring guide which ever did, and ever will lead us to the heaven of rest. This post we want to reach daily, knowing of having on board our little craft the Captain of our soul's salvation. When this is our condition He will pilot us safely through the waves of time, and should we be called in an unexpected manner, we will know of being safely anchored into the harbor of rest. The meeting adjourned under a feeling sense of our many blessings, notwithstanding a pang of sorrow remembering our dear friends who have been called to their final resting place since our last meeting of like character.

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"Our greatest work is not that which at the time seems great, and the epochs of our lives are not always heralded by a signal flag on the turret outlook of our anticipations; nor are they always marked by a red-letter in the calendar of our memories. The opportunities of doing an obviously great thing are rare; but the opportunities of doing *our simple duty*, which may have infinite consequences of good or evil, are *at every moment* of our lives wherever we find ourselves. A single sentence of counsel, an approving word, or a hearty hand-clasp to a weary friend, may be just the means of stimulus and cheer to him in his need, which shall enable him to do a work for others over which he and we shall rejoice together when the books are opened."