

## FISHING CREEK HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Fishing Creek Half-Yearly Meeting, with the other Meetings held near that time, has just closed. There were but few visitors with us, but the labors of those who were there were much appreciated.

At the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Millville, Pa., on Fourth-day, the 18th of 12th mo., no visiting Friends were present, except those from Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting.

At Fishing Creek Half Yearly Meeting, held on Fifth-day, the 19th, we were favored with the presence of Aaron M. Powell, of Plainfield, N. J., and Samuel Jones, of Philadelphia, who were both gospel messengers to us. At the Youth's Meeting, on Sixth-day, we were again favored with the presence and ministry of Samuel Jones. Aaron M. Powell remained with us only one day.

These meetings were felt to be seasons of spiritual refreshment. We were called to the Divine Light in our own souls, and the necessity of obedience thereto. Obey, and thy soul shall live, was emphasized. One message from God was, "Tell my people that I love them, and ask them to love me." Do we love Him with our whole hearts? The grace of God which bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, not just to those who have been taught a certain plan of salvation. The Scriptures are not the fountain, and preaching is not the fountain, they only point the way or lead to it. No true minister among us preaches of himself, but only as the Spirit giveth utterance. We should not look too much to them for aid and counsel, but to the source from which they receive their anointing, and to which they are striving to direct us. Immediate revelation exists to day as fully as it ever did. Instances were cited where it was strongly manifest to persons who afterwards united with the early Friends, and no doubt many

of the hearers said within themselves, "Yes, and we know it for ourselves."

Friends' views on prayer and their belief in the Scriptures and in Jesus Christ, were clearly set forth to the satisfaction of many minds.

On Fourth-day evening there was a committee meeting on Philanthropic Labor, and on Fifth-day evening Aaron M. Powell delivered a lecture on "Purity and the White Cross," by direction of the Y. W. C. T. U.

To Meetings remotely situated like our own, these seasons are looked forward to with longing and eagerness, and I hope we truly appreciate the labors of love of those who are sent among us. K.

## RELIGION AND POLITICS.

I find in the REVIEW of 12th. mo. 15th., that the reporter of Lincoln Y. F. A., did not get my meaning exactly.

We often hear the statement that "we should take all the religion we have into our politics, but don't bring your politics into religion." I once thought this very pertinent, but I can see now wherein it is often used to evade a duty. Now, our Government is political, and the condition of the Government affects the happiness of every individual subject to that government, and since we best serve God by best serving our fellow men, I cannot see how we can make any distinction. Our political duty is a religious duty, just as sacred as any other religious duty.

In our own city of Lincoln we had organized, just previous to the municipal election, the Civic Federation, the purpose of which was ostensibly to elect good men. They talked for it, and they prayed for it, but did they vote for it? No, indeed. The men favoring a "wide open" administration were elected, and the usual result followed. And so it will ever be, until professed Christians vote as they pray, and thus cease giving aid and comfort to the enemy. A. C. G.