

tion among Friends she engaged heartily and earnestly in the work of the First-day school. For many years, in connection with George Nathan Harper, assisted by others, she has contributed by her personal service very largely to the continuance and usefulness of the Plainfield First-day School. Though few of the children have been from the families of Friends, all have loved her devotedly, and her personal presence and loving ministrations have been as a benediction to all. The First-day School anniversaries, sometimes commemorated at the meeting-house, and sometimes at her own home, have been occasions of much happiness, and to none more than to herself.

In explanation of her deep interest in, and devotion to, First-day School work she once told me how she was led to engage in it. There came to her the great sorrow of the death of her beloved companion in life. In that hour of great need the early lessons of her own childhood concerning the indwelling Divine Spirit as an unfailing source of strength and support afforded her great comfort. It happened that about the same time an intimate personal friend, not of the Society of Friends, was called upon to pass through a bereavement kindred to her own. But this friend, whose education concerning spiritual things had been of a more outward type, suffered greatly, without consolation. Human sympathy, however grateful, was inadequate to her sore need, and the Divine arm, looking outward, seemed beyond her reach. In grateful memory, Mary Jane said, of the great blessing of her own early education among Friends had been to her in that season of bereavement, and in view of the unconsolable suffering of her friend, she felt it to be her duty to do all she could henceforth to teach the children of others the simple spiritual faith which in her own experience she had found to be of such priceless value.

She was a Friend in the true representative sense. Through her many

years of acceptable service in the Yearly Meeting as clerk, and through frequent visits with travelling Friends in her own and in other yearly meetings, as well as through the bountiful hospitality of her own delightful home, she had become widely known, and as generally beloved. Many indeed will mourn her loss. She was an active and useful member of our Quarterly Meeting Temperance Committee, and a wise counsellor in the general affairs of our religious body.

By the death of this dear Friend I am afresh reminded of the significance of this inscription, which not long ago I read upon one of the historical memorial tablets in Westminster Abbey: "God removes His workers, but He continues His work." Another beloved worker has been removed from our vineyard, but the work must be continued. While our own opportunity lasts may we who survive realize the responsibility which it confers, and each in our own way render the best service of which we are capable in the field from which she has been called.

Though suffering much pain during her comparatively brief illness, her mental consciousness continued till near the close, and her death was peaceful and serenely triumphant. Her funeral was largely attended, and by many not of Friends, in the old meeting-house, on the 9th instant. Tenderly sympathetic and impressive testimonies were borne upon the occasion by Samuel B. Haines, Robert S. Haviland, and Elizabeth Thistlethwait.

AARON M. POWEL  
Plainfield, N.J., 12th mo., 15.

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A white settler, welcoming a roving Indian to his home, turned and kicked his brute companion; this act the red man resented, saying, 'love me, love my dog,' which was his test of goodness. To bring it closer, those who have had children