

love; the definition of "unprofitable amusements," and the temperance question in different phases, these subjects being brought up by the answers from the Monthly Meetings to the queries. Routine business being accomplished the meeting closed in good season, leaving the remaining hours of the afternoon and evening for social mingling, which feature of our meeting some of us have learned to prize very highly, as matters pertaining to the general religious welfare of our Society are more freely discussed than the order and quiet prevailing in our public meetings will permit; or account of services performed by energetic workers in various lines of labor, etc.

First-day morning our school assembled rather earlier than usual, to give time for visitors to speak after our usual exercises, after which we repaired to the meeting-house, where there was quite a large number gathered. The subject of the first discourse was the value of the Scriptures, clearly defining the speaker's views, and placing them where they belong; secondarily, not primarily, as a means of salvation, and that as a body, we hold them in high estimation, fully appreciating their worth. The tenor of the second speaker's remarks was on the changeless nature of our Heavenly Father. *Humanity* changes; it must in order to progress; but Divinity is the same unchanged power it was in the beginning. "Keep silence before me, O islands, and let the people renew their strength," was quoted by another friend. As in the outward world islands are surrounded by water, which washing against their shores, carries off whatever is in their reach; so in the spiritual, the isles are comparable to the faculties of the human soul, and the operation of the spirit of God upon them was likened to the water, washing away unprofitable thoughts and desires. A most fervent and touching prayer, solemnizing the hearers with its earnestness, concluded our vocal exercises.

In the afternoon the members of the

"Committee on Philanthropic Labor" met to endeavor to devise means for a more practical forwarding of some of the lines of work entrusted to their care. The subject of "Impure Literature" claimed much thought, eliciting free expression, especially that kind relating to prize fights and kindred subjects, deeming it demoralizing in its very nature, and consequently endeavors should be used to suppress the publication of such things in detail. A brief account of the labors of our general superintendent of "Social Purity" work (who was present) during the fall and winter was given, showing the great earnestness, faithfulness and zeal that characterize her efforts in this direction. May these efforts be blessed by the good Father, who is her guide in this grand work.

In casting a retrospective glance at the different meetings during this Quarterly Meeting, the feeling arises in the heart, "surely the lines are cast to us in pleasant places," and the desire is felt that we may always be preserved in the same spirit of love that exists among us now, bringing us all into that nearness of communion that accompanies Christian love and fellowship, and with the desire comes the query, "Why should it not ever exist?"

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LINCOLN EXECUTIVE MEETING.

This meeting, convened at the usual hour, 11 a. m., 2nd mo. 8th.

I wish to call the attention just here, to the mistake in the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, which says the hour is 2 p. m. And it says, also, that we meet for worship every two weeks, whereas, we meet every week at eleven o'clock, and our First-day school follows directly after meeting. Our Young Friend's Association meets the last First-day in each month, at the time allotted for the First-day school, which is postponed for that time. I make the correction for the benefit of