

reaches into different realms, while his intents and purposes may have a far higher motive in view, or while his courage and spirits may be more enduring and have a much higher motive to sustain, still these evidences show in these lower animals, as well as in man, the existence of mind, as I define it, as the impelling force to action.

JOHN J. CONNELL.

THE LAYING DOWN OF OUR RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

When I hear of one of our meetings for worship and discipline having been laid aside, I feel the great dearth of our primitive energy. The numerical increase should never have been the sole cause of our strength, because the Divine Master has given us the promise of His presence, if only two or three are gathered together in His name. This should be a strong incentive to continue our small meetings, even though they consist of but one. I have so often thought that were the meeting which I attend to be given over by the most of Friends, I could still go and take my place within those silent walls, and while there gain from that sweet communion which our forefathers may have sought in mingled converse with the Spirit of God. There is something divinely potent in this sitting down in silence in the hour of worship, and waiting there until the world and all its noise seems far away, and the walls of love and peace have closed around us.

The lover of antiquity, the person who delights in ruminating over the past, would certainly have enjoyed a recent visit which I paid to one of our oldest meeting-houses, the meeting of which has long been given up. I looked at those old timbers, and while listening to the story of its past, I felt a throb of energy rise within me; I felt a veneration for those old rafters, those very walls that sheltered the bleeding soldiers in the revolutionary times. The grave yard helped to relate its his-

tory, there some of my ancestral progenitors have laid down in their last sleep, and the interest of the past seems to have died with a class of early enthusiasts.

I grieve to relate so sad a story, but let every member of our Society who reads these lines pause and say, we must move in order to grow in the fullness of our purpose.

ELLA WEEKS.

PELHAM HALF-YEARLY MEETING AND OTHER MEETINGS.

Pelham Half-Yearly Meeting which is usually held in Yarmouth, Ont., at this season was held in Lobo on the 20th and 21st inst., Select Meeting on the 19th according to adjournment. Although sickness had kept a number from attendance the meetings were about their usual size, and were deeply interesting and we believe profitable. The public ministers with us were Richard Widdifield and Isaac Wilson belonging to Canada Half-Yearly Meeting and our own Serena A. Minard. All had words of encouragement and love to hand forth at the meeting on Seventh-day, and on First-day Isaac Wilson and R. Widdifield addressed a large and interesting gathering.

The business of the Half-yearly Meeting was conducted in harmony and love, and although no unusual business presented it was acknowledged to have been a favored season.

Lobo First-day School, which is held at 10 a. m. usually, was held on First-day afternoon at 4 o'clock, and proved a very interesting occasion. After the ordinary exercises, which were united in by many visitors, time was given for remarks, and many were the expressions given of unity in the work, in the manner of conducting the school, and in the true mission of the First-day School. Much encouragement was afforded also to all who were engaged in the work. We believe the occasion will strengthen the cause in every place