

tained. Indifference on the part of parents is apt to create a like indifference on the part of the children, which will have a tendency to show itself all through life. It seems to me we cannot begin too early, nor endeavor too earnestly to help our children attain a permanency of character in harmony with Divine laws. There is much truth in the old saying, "train up a child in the way he should go and in old age he will not depart from it." How important it is then that we who are intrusted with moulding the plastic young minds either in school or in our own homes should feel the responsibility that rests upon us, and be willing to do our whole duty—a duty in a work which we believe in the words of an aged Friend, "second to no other human interest."

And when, as the years pass by, we see our scholars becoming teachers, and our teachers becoming active workers in the church, we see but the natural results—the legitimate outgrowth of the work in our schools, for this training is fitting us and making us more willing to labor in the broader and higher fields of active life.

When we see what seven years in the work has done for us, we feel deeply what our Society has lost, and in so many places is still losing for the lack of such training as a properly conducted First-day School can give and sincerely desire that it may become an important part of the work of the church wherever our meetings are held.

Read at Lobo F. D. S. by S. P. Zavitz, its Supt. near the close of last season.

CANADA HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Canada Half-Yearly Meeting was held last month at Bloomfield, West Lake. The inclemency of the weather caused its different sessions to be much smaller than they otherwise would have been, but did not in the least degree lessen the feeling of life and interest in those whose privilege it was to attend.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather on 7th day evening, quite an interesting temperance meeting was held, in which different phases of the question were discussed, much interest and enthusiasm being

manifested. And it was decided to memorialize our Government to grant a *plebiscit* vote, upon the event of an election or a proper means of voicing the people in regard to the temperance sentiment. Also asking the extension of the *franchise* to all women who now have a vote in municipal matters to that of Parliamentary also. And, further, that the present existing Scott Act may be so amended as to make it more easily enforced, and that such official machinery may be furnished us as will be more in sympathy with its design.

Our meeting on 1st day, although much smaller than usual, owing to the state of the weather, was one of special favor—the Gospel stream seemed full to overflowing, and we trust some hearts at least were blessed. In the evening a parlor meeting was held by request at C. V. Christie's, and we think all could but feel that it was good to be there, and in this direction I think Friends may find a wide field open for labor and much good be done.

Our meeting for discipline on 2nd day was well attended, and although not much business claimed our attention, the reading and answering of the queries called forth living exercises and all were invited to an enquiry of our individual condition.

The action of the Committee on Temperance, as indicated by its report, was approved, and the proposed memorials directed to our Government through the Committee.

Thus has passed another of those opportunities for feasting around the Lord's table, and while some minds have been clothed with feelings of much poverty, yet all found enough and to spare, and earnestly hope that the fragments or crumbs falling may not be lost.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

[Of the two reports concerning Canada H. Y. M., we use the fuller one but are thankful for both. We would have published it in last month's number but it came a day too late — Eds.]

An endowment fund is proposed in honor of Mrs. Bright Lucas, President of the World's W. C. T. U., which will be invested and the interest used in establishing unions.