

Woodman's daughter, the sweet-faced, wholesome, rosy country girl who spreads the crimson tea cloth on the square carved-legged mahogany and pours the poet's tea. Phoebe is in some ways an old-fashioned girl. She was a romp when a child, and is a strong, vigorous worker and a fine mistress of a horse now. But she dusts the pictures of John Bright and Joseph Sturge, the English freedom lover, and the portraits of Longfellow and Sumner, which hang above the mantel in the study, she kindles up a chilly day the open fire on the hearth, and she shakes up the cushions on the comfortable old sofa. Phoebe is a domestic girl who reads much and even writes a little, but loves best to minister to the declining days of the man whom these four good women wait on so tenderly. If a younger man had the gift of a song he could not put it to a better use than to sing the charms of sweet Phoebe Woodman.—[E. P. H. in Albany Express.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING.

The Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends opened its series of meetings on seventh day, the 14th inst., with the meeting of ministers and elders.

Representatives all present.

After a rather lengthy session of much interest a committee was appointed, as usual, to have care of house and youth's meetings if any should be desired during the week.

In the afternoon a session of the F. D. School Association was held with a good attendance and all the representatives present except one. The interest manifested was excellent, and the reports showed good attendance at schools; the general use of Friend's lesson leaves and a somewhat improved condition of this field of labor. On First-day two meetings for worship were held: one in the morning at 10 o'clock, and one in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Although the morning opened with strong signs of stormy weather the rain did not come and the house was well filled with members and the interest from adjacent towns and country.

The service in the ministry was felt to be in good measure in the power of the truth, holding closely the attention of the audience and calling forth expression of assent and unity with the thoughts expressed from many of those not in membership with us.

In the evening a very interesting meeting of the Illinois Peace Society was held, reports read and a delegate appointed to meet with other representatives of the Universal Peace Union, in Washington, during the meeting of the Convention called to establish a Court of International Arbitration for the Western Hemisphere.

On second-day the members gathered in regular session, with the usual attendance.

Two sessions daily were held on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th days, the morning session on 4th day being a public meeting for worship.

The business was of the usual character, and transacted all together in joint session of men and women. *Active interest, faithful work and strong earnestness of spirit* characterized the business sessions. Often differing views were presented with earnestness, but without preventing the united acceptance of the conclusions reached by the prevailing sentiment, and maintenance of full harmony between our members.

The Representative Committee held four sessions, the ministers and elders two, and the Annual First-day School Association two, which with a youth's meeting at the meeting-house on 2nd day evening and a parlor meeting at Oliver Wilson's on fourth-day evening, gave us twenty-one meetings during the six days of our stay, beside the many meetings of the various committees of the Y. M. The state of society, as shown by the answers to queries,