

THE ARCTIC INDIAN'S FAITH.

We worship the Spirit that walks unseen
Through our land of ice and snow;
We know not His face, we know not His
place,

But His presence and power we know.

Does the buffalo need the pale-face word
To find his pathway far?
What guide has he to the hidden ford,
Or where the green pastures are?
Who teacheth the moose that the hunter's gun
Is peering out of the shade?
Who teacheth the doe and the fawn to run
In the track the moose has made?

Him do we follow, Him do we fear,
The Spirit of earth and sky;
Who hears with the *Wapiti's* eager ear
His poor red children's cry?
Whose whispers we note in every breeze
That stir the birch canoe;
Who hang; the reindeer-moss on the trees
For the food of the caribou?

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BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY
MEETING.

FOR YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

With many misgivings of heart as to the possible or probable state of the weather, and condition of the roads, at the time of Blue River Quarterly Meeting, Friends of Benjaminville prepared for the occasion, though fearing the attendance from other places would be greatly affected by untoward outward influences; but how were all agreeably disappointed; the weather could not have been more propitious, the roads were excellent, and a larger attendance than usual at this season of the year, from other Monthly Meeting, Chicago, Clear Creek, and Richland (at Hoopston) being represented, made glad the hearts of all interested.

The meeting for ministers and elders was as well attended as usual, and the business conducted in harmony, with remarks to the effect that there seemed to be an increasing demand among the people for a vocal ministry,

and this demand necessitated an increased responsibility on the part of elders, and in both ministry and eldership there should be a desire for a fresh daily baptism of spirit, comparable to the fresh supply of the manna of old.

Sixth-day evening is the time set for the First-day School Conference, which convened with a large number present, and was an interesting occasion, several questions pertaining to First-day School work being presented for discussion, one was, "Should the superintendent of the school have an oversight of the nature of the teachings of the different classes?" another, "Should our peculiar principles be taught in our First-day schools?" another, "Was the Sabbath School originated for the purpose of teaching the truth, or for an increase of membership?" and others, in all of which much interest was manifested. The question how to arouse the interest of the scholars, so as to secure prompt and regular attendance, was treated in a very elaborate essay by one of our young members of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, who has more than once favored us in a like manner.

The meeting Seventh-day was gathered into silence, which was broken by a discourse on self-examination, in which it was stated, that the time allotted to this is the most profitable to man, quiet seasons of thought being good, enabling us to realize our condition and to gain a knowledge of ourselves, which cannot be done satisfactorily by reason alone, but, an element is given us by which to judge of our motives, and that is the spirit of God in us. One sentiment accentuated by the speaker is worthy of thought: that God punishes to redeem, not to destroy. In transacting the business of the meeting much life was apparent, harmony prevailed, and great condescension was manifest, though a wide difference of sentiment was expressed on the various topics coming up for our consideration; some of these being, the difference, if any, between love, as commonly spoken of, and Christian