

the First Day School, I believe, will be one of the main factors towards its growth.

Arkona has set the good example. The writer of this was requested to go and help organize a school there on 3rd mo., 20th. The day was bright and spring-like, inviting even the aged and invalid out, and the little meeting house was almost full. A school full of promise was organized with Albert E. Cutler for Superintendent, and Hugh N. Brown, Annie S. Cutler, Rachel Armetage, John Atkin and Amy Atkin for teachers.

The Committee having charge of Lobo First-Day School met last evening and organized for the season by appointing Samuel P. Zavitz, Superintendent; Elihu Mash, Assist.-Superintendent; Jacob Marsh, Librarian and Christian Muma, Assist.-Librarian, and the following teachers, viz.: James Zavitz, Edgar M. Zavitz, Emma Marsh, Sarah S. Cutler, Beulah Muma, Ida Zavitz, Mary E. Zavitz and Annie L. Cutler. A Bible class similar to the one held during the winter is to be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the last First-Day in each month during the summer, with S. P. Zavitz for teacher and Sarah S. Cutler assistant. The school opens on the 3rd inst. at 10 a.m.

Coldstream, 4 mo., 1, 1887. S. P. Z.

ESSAY.

As my time again approached to give a reading in our school my mind wandered back over the years since the school entered upon its work, and I felt like penning a few of my thoughts in the form of an essay, and reading that instead of a selection which has been the custom, perhaps too often, in the past. Many of us who have from the first been regular attenders and active workers will remember how feeble our efforts in the beginning were, with little more than an earnest desire to enlist the interest of our children and young people and endeavor, if possible, to lead them into right lives—to shield them from the many evils and temptations to evil which on all sides had a tendency to draw them from the truth. The exercises of our school were of the simplest nature, the reading of the Scriptures, learning verses therefrom and reading in con-

sert without question or comment. But, as time passed and as we became by experience better developed in the work new ideas presented themselves and we had more confidence to enter on broader fields. We were not afraid to discuss our Scriptural lessons, not in the classes alone, but in the school as a whole, not in a spirit of controversy, but each having the liberty to give his views honestly and candidly. Outside helps have been taken advantage of when we considered them of benefit, but the spirit of originality which filled us has caused us to depend to a great extent on our own resources for food and instruction in the classes. All these seven summers has our school been moving onward and upward. Doing better work, I believe, each succeeding season. In numbers we have had like the sea, our ebb and flow. This season the tide is coming in, and our numbers are much larger than they had been for the two years previous. We now stand where we can judge, by a degree of experience, the capabilities and the benefits of the First-day School. Since I first felt it my duty to move in this work, I have never wavered in the belief that it was of Divine ordering, and that He who directs will give his servants all the help and encouragement necessary. We have had our ups and downs, our gloomy days and our sunshiny ones. But for every dark cloud we have not failed to see its silver lining. The innocent faces of the little ones have given us a foretaste of the nature of Heaven, and we well understand how Jesus could liken the kingdom of Heaven to these. Our youths and maidens have shown us the possibilities of the future, and how often have we prayed in secret to Him who seeth in secret that He would guard their feet from evil. Our young men and women giving us strength by their presence, co-workers with us, standard bearers already in our school and in the Church, anxious to do well your life's work, may you not fail. And to our older Friends, most of whom have given us their hearty support either active or otherwise, we owe much of the success of our work, for it is only by the earnest co-operation of all that a high degree of success can be ob-