

of heart and lung disease, also some indication of a cancer appearing.* They have the hearty sympathy of numerous friends.

S. P. Gardner returned on the 4th from a trip of eight or ten days' duration, during which, he attended the Quarterly Meeting of Westbury L. I., held in New York city, and Purchase, N. Y. He reports a very satisfactory time. He was accompanied by his youngest son, Anson L. Gardner.

The rosy, good-natured looking face of our friend, Joseph Fritts, has been missed from our meetings of late, he having gone to Lobo, Ont., to help his wife finish her visit there. We will welcome their return which is expected the latter part of this month.

HENRY A. COLEMAN.

Farmington, 2nd mo. 7th, 1887.

PELHAM HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

I have no doubt many of the readers of the "REVIEW" will be interested to know something concerning Pelham H. Y. M., which has just been held at Coldstream, in Lobo, Ont. Our Monthly Meeting (Norwich), was held on the day previous, the 11th inst. It was quite large, and in a marked degree interesting and profitable. Serena Minard and Isaac Wilson, both spoke, reaching the conditions of those gathered, and the presence of the Divine seemed to encircle us, and draw all as it were into the one fold.

But little business, out of the ordinary, was transacted, except that proposal of marriage by two young people belonging to Arkona Preparative were passed. A short discussion was aroused by a young member asking the question, whether it was allowable for Friends to work with those outside our Society in the temperance cause—as with the W. C. T. U. etc. Much encouragement was offered to all who felt it their duty to thus work for the promotion of the cause within the bounds of Truth, and the fact was expressed that none could do so with more effect than Friends whose

hands in this respect are clean. Our Half Y. M. convened on the 12th. The meeting was rather larger than the day previous, and fully as large as usual, and acknowledged to have been by the Divine Presence. Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield, Ont., was the only speaker in the meeting for worship. (Some of the exercises of those meetings will be found elsewhere in this issue.) The business meeting was large and deeply interesting, as many of our meetings are. Very many, not members, both young and old, remaining after the first meeting. This, a few years ago, could not have been. It shows that we are broadening in our ideas. I believe the presence of those not members will be of much benefit to us, as well as to them, by making us more guarded in our expressions, and more careful to live up to our profession. Samuel P. Zavitz and Serena Minard were appointed clerks for the year. In the answers to the queries, much was found to be full of encouragement. A request from Lobo to have the Half Yearly Meeting which is held in Yarmouth in 8th mo., held in Lobo the year the Yearly Meeting is held in Yarmouth was carefully considered, and united with: and this meeting was therefore adjourned to meet again in Lobo at the usual time in 8th mo. next.

The public meeting on First-day filled the house. The rain which had fallen so abundantly the week previous had ceased, the temperature had fallen, a light snow covered the ground, the clouds were driven from sight, and the morning broke bright and clear. Both wheeling and sleighing were good and our spirits were in keeping with the day, and the meeting was one long to be remembered, for we felt that it had been held in "the power of God." I. W. spoke long in his clear and convincing manner, and also appeared in supplication. S. M. also addressed us, refreshing our spiritual wants as the gentle dew refreshes the needy earth.

S. P. Brown and C. A. Zavitz being belated on their road from Guelph, walked out, in the night, from London to Coldstream, a distance of sixteen miles, to attend the H. Y. M., evincing, in the act, we think, something of the "early Friends'" religious enthusiasm.

*Before going to press we hear that Minnie has passed away. Her family has our deep sympathy.—ED.