

This searching and proving ourselves will not hurt any of us. A committee was continued to labor as way opened.

A memorial prepared by Chappaqua Monthly Meeting for our valued Friend, Moses Pierce, who departed this life 4th mo. 30th, 1886, aged 70 years, was read, and the tribute to the life and works of this Friend we felt to be true of him.

On fifth day the meeting was large and attentive, and after listening to S. P. G. for one hour, the meeting was covered with a sweet solemnity, and in this silence closed.

E. H. BARNES.

Purchase, 2nd mo. 8th, 1886.

VONGE STREET NOTES.

Our last Monthly Meeting was held on Yonge street with a larger attendance than usual.

Our friend Richard Widdifield was present, and addressed encouraging words to those assembled, alluding to the fact that faithful obedience to manifest duty always speaks peace to the soul.

On entering upon church matters our hearts were cheered with the encouraging minute from Schomburg Preparative, containing the names of twelve persons, five minors, wishing to become members of our Monthly. It awakened the response that "truly the Lord is in this movement."

Our Friend Isaac Wilson paid us a visit in Gospel love. It was the writer's privilege to attend five meetings in various places where his lot was cast. His communications were freighted with that liberal Christ-like influence that ever characterizes a servant of God. The evening before we parted with our friend more than 30 met him at the home of Esther Dennis, Newmarket, where we spent a few hours in a social and profitable way. Our friends, James Armitage and wife, of Pickering, and J. W. Hughes and wife, of Parkdale, added much to the interest and exercises of the evening.

A. W. H.

Newmarket, 2nd mo., 1887.

BLOOMFIELD LITERARY CIRCLE.

Thinking that our Friends in other parts of the vinyard might be pleased to hear how we are employed, we send a brief account of our Literary Circle, which we enjoy so much. As it seems necessary to discontinue our First-day school when winter comes, we felt we must have an organization which would bring us together occasionally for the purpose accordingly the various members of the society assemble each Fifth-day evening at our different homes, where we spend two or three hours to very good advantage, as we think. Our meeting is opened by the President, who reads the Scripture lesson taken from the selections furnished by Friends' publication. This lesson is then thoroughly discussed, any questions asked in connection.

Each member is supposed to contribute to the question box any question which they may wish to hear discussed, or any passage of Scripture they may desire explained. This forms the most important part of our programme, as it leads to increased Bible study, one of the chief objects in view.

At first many of our members were backward in expressing an opinion, but this difficulty has been largely overcome, we are so thankful to say, and the interest consequently increased.

A committee is appointed at each meeting to furnish readings, recitations or essays for the next meeting.

We feel no hesitation in recommending the course as a means of strengthening the interest in society and increasing the Christian fellowship which should prevail.

B. W.

GREELEY LITERARY CIRCLE.

In response to the invitation of E. M. Z. to forward accounts of other literary societies similar to the Olio, I will write a short description of our own.

Last fall we felt the need in our neighborhood of all that a literary society can give to its members, and so started one on the plan of those existing at Swarthmore. We have had some difficulty in getting a sufficient number of