

question being given them the First-day previous by the Superintendent, with a request for each to answer it.

This part of the exercises was a conclusive evidence that the time spent in this way had not been in vain. All the classes who were old enough joined in reading the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. A few remarks were made by some of the adult class, when the superintendent, C. C. Haviland, concluded the exercises by appropriate and touching remarks.

Each scholar was presented with a book as a reminder in after years of their union with Purchase F. D. S.

The following closing minute was read by the secretary, H. B. Field, thus ending another term of our school:

"Our school has been in session twenty weeks. We have had an average attendance of eighteen scholars, with a good-sized adult class. The school has not been quite as large this year as last, but our teachers have manifested their interest by punctual attendance and by an earnest endeavor to interest and instruct those under their care, some of whom have been very diligent and persevering in attendance. Others, perhaps, have appreciated the efforts of faithful teachers, but have found it impossible to be as regular in attendance. By mingling in this way we hope that each may feel an individual responsibility, remembering that his or her presence is a necessary part of the whole, that there is work for all to do, and that by making a united effort every individual member will be strengthened. The youngest child has an influence not only with its companions and teachers, but with older members of the household, and unconsciously may help itself and others to form a life-long habit of attending a place of worship. As social beings we are mutually helped and strengthened by mingling together, and a great loss to society and to the individual members of any household is sustained by any family depriving themselves of the

privilege of attending a place of public worship. We feel a regret our school cannot be kept in session a longer time, feeling a more continued course of Scripture study would be more profitable and instructive.* One short hour each week for a few months seems a little time to give to this work, but we trust parents will endeavor to keep their children interested, and that another year will find us all faithful to the duties before us." E. H. B.

Purchase, 10th mo., 19th, 1887.

* [We in Lobo have adopted with success, during the winter season, the plan of throwing all our classes into one and meeting on First-day afternoon every two weeks, going over the two lessons, thus keeping up with the lessons the year round.—EDS.]

THE CONFERENCE OF "ORTHODOX" FRIENDS.

Richmond, Indiana, has been designated the Quaker City of the West, and the last days of Ninth month went far to prove it worthy the name. Our own and "Orthodox" Friends each held their Yearly Meeting then, and the world's conference of the several Yearly Meetings of "Orthodox" Friends, met for its first time in the same city. The divisions and sub-divisions of that branch of the Society of Friends, which have occurred since the great schism of 1827 and 1828, and the progressive spirit which has been leading the Society from its foundations and likely to land it, if not checked, into the darkness from which Fox and Penn led it over 200 years ago resulted in this conference. To bring the Society back to its old and safe moorings was not its object, but to check the advanced guard in this retrograde movement was the design of this conference. The adoption of Baptism and the Lord's Supper by some of the Western brethren and of the principle of a paid ministry was going farther than the body of the church was yet prepared to go. The