

YOUNG FRIEND'S ASSOCIATION

Lincoln, Neb., 1st mo 28, 1894.

The opening exercise of the Young Friend's Association was the responsive reading of the 7th Chapter of St. John. Repeating texts followed.

The review of the 12th Chapter of Janney's History of Friends was given in a complete and interesting manner by Rebecca DePeel. The First-day School lesson review was given by Michael DePeel, and followed by a paper entitled "Quakerism," by Russell Cook, which called forth favorable comment, showing it to be acceptable to Friends.

The minutes of last meeting were read, as was also the programme for the next. A short silence preceded the close of the meeting. A. W. C.

PELHAM HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Just as other recurrent events become, in time, items of history, so is it with the Pelham Half-Yearly Meeting, which was noticed in the last issue of YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW. It is past, and proved to be a memorable occasion, one which will be reverted to as an Ebenezer of the faithfulness of God, by the few upon whom the burden of the Monthly Meeting rests.

Being an interested, edified and silent participant in the bounties abundantly and unexpectedly supplied to all gathered in the several convenings thereat, I feel it incumbent upon me not to neglect this little duty seemingly to be called for at my hands. Without doubt there are anxious hearts waiting to hear of our progress and welfare; and disappointment would ensue should a deaf ear be turned to the promptings of love, by withholding what is in my feeble power to give to others.

To some, perhaps all, this has been a season of strengthening of faith. The apt language of Jesus to sinking Peter, "O, thou of little faith, wherefore did'st thou doubt?" fittingly applies; for

there was in some hearts a degree of anxiety concerning "the morrow." Still not all were fearful. A spirit of confident trustfulness and childlike faith that all would be well whatever befell, existed—with a quiet willingness—if like children we found ourselves left alone in the absence of father and mother, when necessary work must be done, that we be careful to do, in the ability which God giveth, just what the Divine Master assigned.

Not until the evening after the close of the Select Meeting was there a mute intimation came of a messenger being on the way to us, through whom the needful "loaves and fishes" might be supplied, broken and distributed to expectant people.

Our esteemed friend, Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield, arrived Seventh-day near the hour for opening the meeting, and some already seated, not noticing his arrival and entrance, who had no knowledge of the *mute intimation*, were transported in surprise, when he arose to speak. He came amongst us a very welcome messenger to our relief, and if our baskets were not so sieve-like fragments might be gathered to sustain us many days hence, for it seemed as though the windows of heaven were indeed opened, and a blessing poured out upon us, there was not room enough to receive it, nor to retain it. I believe from the expressions made to us that general satisfaction is the result to those outside the Society, while within the feeling obtains that this added opportunity increases our advantages, and that all have greater and multiplied responsibilities in consequence. Then let us be alert and mindful, to be "diligent in business, fervent in spirit serving the Lord," that we may ensure the reward of "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord." A. R. P.

Ridgeville, 2nd mo. 19th, 1894.

'Tis expectation makes a blessing dear; heaven were not heaven if we knew what it were.—*Suckling*.