

Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield, Canada, with Daniel Underhill, of Jericho, Long Island, as companion, attended Chappaqua meeting on the 24th of 3rd mo. at the usual hour. Chappaqua Mountain Institute being situated at that place, about 70 scholars with their teachers were present, adding much interest to the occasion. After a brief session of silence I. W. spoke of the child-like, teachable condition of mind, emblematic of an acceptance with our Heavenly Father, with many other important practical truths, which had a solemnizing effect upon the assembly. After dining with Alfred Underhill and wife, the above mentioned Friends were conveyed by J. H. Griffin, a distance of six miles, over a mountainous country, and through the valley of Croton Lake, (the water of which is conveyed to the city of New York by means of an aqueduct or tunnel a distance of nearly 40 miles,) to the home of Daniel H. Griffin and wife, where they remained all night. On 6th day, the 25th, an appointed meeting was held at Amawalk at 11 o'clock, and at Mt. Kisco at 8 o'clock p.m., both proving seasons of spiritual refreshing. Joshua B. Washburne and wife took them to their home in Chappaqua to spend the night, and next morning after calling on the family of the late Moses Pierce, they dined with R. S. Haviland, and in the afternoon took the cars for White Plains where Robert Barnes met them and took them to his home in Purchase. First-Day, the 27th, they attended meeting at Purchase at 11 o'clock, where an attentive audience listened to the exercised mind of I. W. as he expounded the views of the Society of Friends, showing what the result would be of a life of practical righteousness. Under a precious covering of solemnity the meeting closed, and I. W. and D. U. dined at J. A. Carpenter's with quite a company of Friends, after which R. Barnes and wife took them to David Haviland's, where a few hours were spent in pleasant social mingling. At 7:30 o'clock, the hour appointed for a religious opportunity in the Memorial Chapel in North street, quite a large company assembled, where I. W. was exercised in vocal ministry for nearly an hour,

calling the minds of the people away from that which would harm or destroy, to a life of reconciliation with our God, portraying the results of such a course to be peace and happiness here and rest and assurance forever. They spent the night at J. S. Haviland's, and on 2nd day, the 28th, at 12 o'clock attended a funeral at Purchase Meeting House of a young woman, whose short life has been spent walking in the Christian's path, and who is now enjoying the home prepared for the righteous in all generations. The occasion was a season of deep solemnity, I. W. entering into feelings of sympathy with the afflicted family; offered words of comfort and consolation, and felt that the spiritual legacy left the example of the life of our young sister before us, who "being dead yet speaketh," was the loudest sermon could be preached. After the funeral was over they bid their Friends farewell and took the cars for D. U.'s home, where the wife of I. W. remained during their absence. The company and gospel labors of these Friends have been acceptable and encouraging to us. E. H. B.

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#### FIRST-DAY SCHOOLS.

So many of our F. D. Schools in the country are closed in the winter or carried on in a modified form, that this season of the year, when the bluebird and the robins are returning, and all nature is springing into newness of life, seems the most natural and most convenient time to open anew with reinvigorated strength and hopes our several schools. There are so many of our meetings where schools do not exist, and knowing by a degree of experience the benefits to be derived from them, that we would be pleased to know of a large increase in their number throughout our Society, and especially in Genesee Yearly Meeting. "Oh, our meeting is so small we could not keep up a school," is often the excuse for not starting one. That should be a great incentive to make the effort. Remember some of our smallest meetings have very successful schools. And if your meeting is ever to become larger