

## OBITUARIES.

## For YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

**DIED.**—At Macedon Center, Wayne Co., N. Y., on the 11th of 2nd mo., 1887, Minnie A. Blaker, of Eupenyra, in the 19th year of her age. A member of Farmington Monthly Meeting of Friends, and daughter of Benjamin C. and Mary P. Blaker.

During her short illness she manifested a cheerful spirit, and bore her sufferings with patience.

Her life of deportment and quiet manners drew about her many friends, who mourn her loss.

It is natural to feel the loss of our dear friends when called from mortal sight, but the warning is only renewed to us in each case: "Is our house in order?" For the hour of the messenger's coming is wisely hid from sight.

And with the poet may we more fully fill life's chalice:

"Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.  
Not enjoyment, and not sorrow  
Is our destined end or way;  
But to act that each to-morrow  
Finds us farther than to-day."

JOSEPH FRITTS.

Macedon, N.Y., 2 mo. 21, 1887.

It becomes our duty to chronicle the death, on 2nd month, 25th, of John C. Webster, aged 55 years and 3 months. He was only son of Lydia C. and the late Hugh D. Webster, of Norwich, Ont. Deceased had been a widower a number of years, and leaves his aged mother and three minor children, a daughter and two sons to mourn his loss. He was a member of Norwich M. M. of Friends.

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This is no doubtful path,  
For destiny will lead my course aright;  
The voice of God within me cannot lie.

—[Southey.]

Immortality is not beyond this life, but in it.

—[Fichte.]

## PURCHASE QUARTERLY MEETING.

Purchase Quarterly Meeting was held at Purchase, about twenty-three miles from the city of New York, on the 2nd and 3rd of 2nd month; meeting of ministers and elders the day previous at 2 o'clock. We had in attendance one aged Friend, Sunderland P. Gardner, of Farmington, who had previously attended the Quarterly Meeting of Westbury, held in New York on the 28th and 29th of last month. It has been the writer's privilege to attend both Quarterly Meetings, and in listening to the earnest pleadings of our brother for the cause of truth and enlightenment in the minds of the children of men, desires were begotten that we might see more clearly by that "Light of Christ" which illuminates the mind, and walk in that path wherein the might of God's power will lead us. The company of this dear Friend has been very acceptable, and the Gospel truths, which he presented in an impressive manner, flowed freely. When we consider his advanced age and the fatigue of the body (travelling from his home here and back mostly in the night with the company of his youngest son) he endured to be with us and do his Master's will, should be a stimulant to us to be more faithful and devoted to the requirements of our Heavenly Father. "As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of a man his friend," and we hope that some others may receive the call, "Go and do likewise." On 4th day, after S. P. G. had spoken at some length, the business of the meeting was entered upon. Our meeting is composed of three monthly meetings, two of them holding their meetings jointly, and very satisfactory.

The answers to the queries showed some deficiencies, but love and unity had no exception. The Temperance Committee reported no organized work done, but shewed the fact that the consumption of intoxicating liquors during the last quarter of a century has been and still is increasing more rapidly than the population. This fact suggests the query: Are our members in the performance of their duties as citizens, bearing as faithful testimony against the use of intoxicating beverages as the answers to our fourth query usually indicate?