

BLOOMFIELD F. D. S. NOTES.

The closing exercises of Bloomfield F. D. S. were held on First day, 28th of 10th mo. The school met in the afternoon in order to give ample time for the special entertainment which had been prepared. Very excellent selections were given by old and young. The children deserve great credit for the manner in which they rendered recitations in concert and individually. All seemed to enjoy the afternoon, and, we are pleased to note, there was apparently no abatement of interest. It was universally felt that we had just passed our most successful season in this branch of labor.

The Bible class is continued through the winter in our Literary Circle, which meets once in two weeks. B. W.

STANFORD QUARTERLY MEETING.

As the Quarterly Meetings of this Yearly Meeting are held in succession, and their glad influences extend from our southern to our northern limits, we are reminded of the multitude on whom Jesus had compassion, causing them to be seated that their hungering might be satisfied. And so at Stanford Quarter held in Chatham on the 9th inst., though its numbers were small, perhaps on account of rainy weather, and when no ministering Friend was expected, some felt as formerly: where-with shall the multitude be fed? Yet, as we were seated aside from our daily employments, hoping and waiting for the blessing, the voice of testimony was heard from two friends young in the ministry, inciting us to greater dedication, more watchful care that in our daily walk our light may shine, giving to the world a knowledge of our beautiful, simple and consistent faith, that none need to entertain the thought that Christ is not the foundation on which our religious structure rests; encouraging the young to earnestness and

purity, thus day by day building a perfect character, precious and acceptable to the Divine. And so, as at other seasons of similar companionship where the social, intellectual and spiritual elements of our nature so happily mingle, we felt that it was a time of profit—giving food for thought, building up each other in love, strengthening all in diligence, and in a right appreciation of the gifts and blessings bestowed on us by a loving Father.

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AIM IN LIFE.

Much has been said on the subject, "Aim in Life," yet the term is not easily comprehended. If we mean nothing more than following a particular course in life, consequent from our adaptability for that particular line of action, we need no admonition. Are we not inclined to do this? The word aim is too ambiguous; I would substitute duty; all that is good is embodied in it. There are few of us who after contemplation cannot discern a path of duty, and one in which we can more so efficiently that the effect can be constantly felt. Our inclination to lose the sense of present duty, in the anticipation of some change which seems awaiting us, often causes us to overlook our true selves and neglect the duties that are really before us.

Let us endeavor to increase our influence and strengthen our motives: not in order to set off ourselves, but that we may be actively useful.

Let us never become so absorbed in worldly affairs as to close our ears against the voice of duty calling us to active service; remembering the exhortation, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do - do it with thy might. L. T.

The only sound and healthy description of assisting is that which teaches independence and self-exertion.—[Gladstone.]