

DISCIPLINE.

A block of marble caught the glance
Of Buanarotti's eyes,
Which brightened in their solemn deeps,
Like meteor-lighted skies.

And one who stood beside him listened,
Smiling as he heard ;
For "I will make an angel of it,"
Was the sculptor's word.

And soon mallet and chisel sharp
The stubborn block assailed.
And blow by blow, and pang by pang,
The prisoner unveiled.

A brow was lifted high and pure,
The waking eyes outshone,
And as the matter sharply wrought,
A smile broke through the stone !

Beneath the chisel's edge the hair
Escaped in floating rings ;
And plume by plume was slowly freed
The sweep of half-furled wings.

The stately bust and graceful limbs
Their marble fetters shed,
And where the shapeless rock had been,
An angel stood instead !

O blows that smite ! O hurts that pierce
This shrinking heart of mine !
What are ye but the Master's tools
Forming a work divine ?

O hope that crumbles to my feet.
O joy that mocks and flies.
What are ye but the clogs that bind
My spirit from the skies ?

Sculptor of souls ! I lift to Thee
Encumbered heart and hands ;
Spare not the chisel, set me free,
However dear the bands.

How blest, if all these seeming ills
Which draw my thoughts to Thee,
Should only prove that Thou wilt make
An angel out of me !

—[*Catholic World.*]

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING.

The Executive Committee of the F. D. S. met on the Seventh-day evening, 9th mo., 24, '87. The following morning a large assembly convened, and the ministry of Thomas Foulke, of New York, and Catherine Foulke, of Pennsylvania, was to a high degree acceptable and edifying. The ministers belonging to the Yearly Meeting were exceedingly favored, and through-

out the entire week bread from the Master's table was handed forth, with which all were fed and sustained, and we are satisfied that of the fragments that remained many basketsful have been carried away to meet the wants of our several subordinate meetings.

The F. D. S. annual association held unusually interesting sessions on Second and Fourth-day evenings and on Fourth-day afternoon, the Yearly Meeting having adjourned for that purpose.

On Third-day evening the Young Friends held a meeting which was highly entertaining, and gives promise of a widely extending field of usefulness in the Society. This concern originated with members of the Philanthropic Committee of the Yearly Meeting, and it is hoped that it will spread far and wide.

The annual gathering as a whole was felt to be of more than usual profit and interest, the younger members sharing with the older ones a depth of feeling and concern that we should be faithful and do all that our hands find to do in the Master's service and under His divine direction and admonition.

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