

were under discussion in a manner which attracted the attention, and received the cordial recognition of several Great Powers of Europe. It is not saying too much to assert that this discussion of some of the great fundamental principles which arose, tended in a remarkable degree to further the cause of peace and International Arbitration, of which he was a sincere advocate.

He was, modest and retiring, and only those who knew him intimately were aware of his deep learning on this important subject so dear to Friends, and of the extent of those services to this great cause, not by enthusiastic advocacy on the platform, but by the calm, sober, and reasonable discussion in the several tribunals of Arbitration in which he was concerned, of the fundamental principles of International Law, which, founded upon the moral law, as is the law of nations, ought to regulate the intercourse of sovereign powers. His discussion of this subject, which will be found among the archives of these tribunals, were monuments of learning, and gained him no little distinction within the circle where they could be appreciated.

He was a firm believer in the Inner Light, which enlightens every man, and often expressed his confidence that the appeal to the conscience and understanding of man illumined by that Light, would not be in vain.

His end was calm and peaceful, and he retained his faculties to the last. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." Ps. 32 : 37.—Friends' Intelligencer and Journal.

YOUNG FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION, SPARTA, ONTARIO.

The Committee to consider the organization of a Young Friends' Association in Sparta, met 7th mo. 2nd, and were united in appointing Edward G. Schooley, President and Bessie Haight, Secretary.

Our first meeting was held 7th mo. 8th, at Edgar Haight's, and was opened with a statement of the objects of the Association by the President. There were twenty-two members enrolled. It was decided to hold the meetings every two weeks, and that the next association would meet 7th mo. 24th, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the home of Ed. Schooley.

Two Programme Committees were appointed to prepare the exercises for the two following meetings. Edgar Haight, Amelia Haight and Augusta Schooley for 7th mo. 24th. Agnes Haight, Frank Schooley and Abbey Seze for 8th mo 7th. Members were requested to answer to roll call with sentiments.

Edgar Haight read the xc. Psalm. Maria Haight then read a paper she had prepared on the "Life and Writings of John Greenleaf Whittier." The writer dwelt on the earnest, upright life of the poet, and of our pride in Whittier's membership with Friends. Mention was made of the poet's early life, and of his recognition as a writer, also of his active participation in the abolition of slavery. Whittier's plain dress and dignified bearing were commented upon, and many of his poems recalled. The paper closed with an extract from a poem entitled "First-day Thoughts." In the discussion that followed some reminiscences of Whittier's life were given, and reference was made to the use of his poems as hymns.

The next paper was given by Arnold G. Schooley on "The Value of Expression." The importance of expression was emphasized. There is the written word; also the spoken, the one judged by the eye, the other by the ear. The difference in meaning conveyed by a difference in tone, was brought out, and we were reminded in order to have the right tone there must be the right feeling back of the tone. Testimony was given to the strength to be gained by the utterance of our best thoughts.