

His presence in our midst, followed by remarks from several, one calling attention to the fact that the day was the anniversary of the birth of the great and good Washington, and citing us to the advent of Jesus, Luther, Fox and others, and the influence of their lives and doctrines on the world. The usual business of a Quarterly Meeting was soon transacted. A proposition from one of the Monthly Meetings for a slight revision of our Queries, not changing the sentiment, but the wording, was brought before us, resulting in the appointment of a committee to consider the subject, and report to next Quarter.

A call was made for a meeting in the evening of those members (who were present) of the Philanthropic Committee, and a general invitation extended for all who are interested in the subjects handled therein, to meet with them, and it was a matter of surprise and comment, to see the numbers present, notwithstanding that about dusk, clouds came up bringing rain at the time of gathering. But a few years ago and only the members of the committee met. Reports from several superintendents, of work done in the past three months, evidenced an increase of interest on their part. The subject of Arbitration, as a means of settling *all* international difficulties, was brought to our consideration by the reading of a notice in a Chicago paper, of a call for action in the matter, and the committee endorsed a memorial, to be sent to the one in Chicago who issued the call, to be presented to the President of the United States. (A copy of the notice and memorial will accompany this article.)

First-day dawned dull, misty and disagreeable, though not cold. This condition of weather did not apparently affect the spirits of the people, however, as we had a large meeting, and before it was concluded the clouds dispersed, the sun shone brightly, and one was reminded of balmyspring. The

congregation were attentive listeners to the truths held by our Society, as given forth by several speakers, and we felt that it was good for us to be thus assembled, and that truly our lines were cast in pleasant places. I omitted mentioning in its proper place, that our First-day School, held before meeting, was enlarged and cheered, and we hope benefitted by the presence and remarks of our visitors. And thus our meeting is a thing of the past, but its pleasant memories will not soon pass.

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### REPORT OF A FRIENDS' MEETING IN WISCONSIN.

On 3rd mo. 21st, in company with A. J. Flitcraft, of Oak Park, Ill., it was my privilege to attend a meeting appointed for us in the vicinity of Madison, Wisconsin, where reside three members belonging to N. Y. Yearly Meeting, who have lived there for thirty years with other members of four families, who were raised with Friends and can't be anything else. They have thus far been entirely overlooked by Friends travelling in the ministry. There is nothing very peculiar in this, but there is in the chain of circumstances that led to the visit. Sometime last summer, Sarah C. Williamson (one of the visited) on her return home from a visit to a relative in Illinois, stopped over First-day in Chicago, and her mother being a Friend and hearing considerable of the Society, made in her a strong desire to attend a Friends' meeting. She did so, and was so impressed that on her return she opened correspondence with one of their members, and eventually became a member. Understanding our distinctive principles she knew why she was a Friend, and also why she could not endorse all that was taught, and all the methods practiced by the surrounding organizations, and it caused her to earnestly desire a Friends' meeting held there. Our