

Gospel ministry, our testimony regarding peace and arbitration, &c.

A committee was appointed to consider and report to a future meeting our present compulsory school law, and that concerning narcotics, and suggest a better means for their enforcement.

A very excellent epistle was received from Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting, in which the thought was expressed that we can turn all the experiences of life to good account. Unless we be tried and tested we are not sure that we are builded on the firm foundation.

An affectionate letter was received from our friend Edward Coale, of Illinois, embodying the thought that it is obedience that is required of us. Be not discouraged or cast down, God alone maketh the increase. Also one from J. Russell Lownes, of New Mexico, in which he desired that Friends should not "scatter" by moving away from the limits of their Meeting.

A concern arising as to the duty of Friends in the present crisis in the affairs of our country, a committee was appointed, which produced a memorial addressed to Congress expressing unalterable opposition to war, but now that war seems inevitable, contained an earnest plea that the Government should use the national authority to prevent privateering, and should make ample reparation if it were found that any wrongs of that nature had been committed.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DELIA F. VANDERBURG.

We, as members of the Young Friends' Association of Coldstream for the first time since our organization, have been deprived by the hand of death of one of our most active and energetic workers, one who from the first inception of the idea of a Young Friends' Association in this place, used

her influence to help strengthen such a work.

She, having been one of the Presidents of the Association, we have all had an opportunity of knowing somewhat of her interest and devotion to the Association, and of her intense desire that others should be equally interested with herself, but perhaps those of us who were associated with her in the section meetings learned to know her most thoroughly and felt her influence most.

Many sorrows and trials were scattered along her short path of 25 years, some of them hard to bear and to live above, yet each one, when overcome, a stepping stone towards that higher life for which she was striving.

While we mourn her loss and cherish her memory let us try to emulate the willing spirit and active hands and brain. When there was an object to be accomplished the query did not seem to be with her, Lord, what shall this man do? but rather the thought "Here am I, send me." That is the spirit we all need to cultivate, a willingness to do whatever is required of us—be it much or little—a forgetfulness of self and the welfare of our Society emphasized in our hearts until it becomes the paramount object in our lives to promote the work of Christ in our day and age.

Let us then each one resolve to reconsecrate our lives to His service, and follow Della's example in as far as she followed that of our master, Christ.

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LAMENT FOR DELIA F. VANDERBURG.

Read at the Y.F.A. Coldstream, 5 mo. 6, 1892.

At last it is broken, the delicate thread,
And we say in a whisper that Della is dead;
For all that lies here is but cold, cold clay,
The light and the life and the soul's fled
away,
The beautiful house, we know it lies here,
But gone is the tenant that made it so dear;
No light in the windows, no voice at the
door,
The ethereal occupant greets us no more;