

as understood by this Society; and while the faith of the members present was strengthened, some who are not of this particular fold, expressed surprise at the simplicity and practicality of that faith, as presented by the speaker. Everybody seemed to enjoy the meetings, and doubtless many were much profited."

To this we would add that the covering of Divine stillness, which spread over the meeting as the speaker alluded to the many oft considered little digressions, prominent among which is the "tobacco habit," and pictured its uselessness, harmfulness and utter selfishness, and then so clearly proved that from these as from all other sins "Salvation is of the Lord."

On First-day afternoon the meeting of the First-day School Union was held. In addition to the regular programme, consisting of reports from the different schools, readings, recitations, original essay, etc., the presence of our friends and the words of encouragement given were helpful features.

First-day evening a parlor meeting, very well attended, was held at the home of Edward Walker, and proved a profitable season for social religious mingling.

On Second-day evening a parlor meeting was held at the home of Daniel Shafer. Third-day evening a meeting at the Methodist Church, in Philmount, and Fourth-day, at 3 p. m., a parlor meeting was held at Thomas Piggott's. We were unable to attend these three last named meetings, but are told that they were favored occasions, especially the last parlor meeting, where the message reached with satisfying touch some inquiring hearts present.

Early on Fifth-day morning Isaac started for Washington, his wife having gone the day before to be with their children in Washington.

In addition to the meetings mentioned many homes were visited, in some cases family meetings held, and everywhere the word of comfort or en-

couragement, as the need might be, was given.

If we were asked in a few words to say what the mission of these dear Friends was to us, we would say: "To proclaim the love of God to His children, and to divest true religion of all mystery."

May the influence of this visit be of lasting effect in our midst. L. S.

## THE TRUTH OF THE SPIRIT.

O, Spirit of Truth, may I ever serve Thee,  
As my Saviour, my Friend, and my Lord,  
May thy leadings be plain to follow and love,  
To serve and to honor in deed and in word.

May thy constant "abiding" ever be near,  
To comfort with joy and in my endeavor,  
To please only Thee, and to witness Thy  
favor,  
Which I know must continue for ever and  
ever.

For harmony eternal Thy promise has been,  
To Thy lovers and kindred who liveth in  
Thee,  
Ah! the joy which thou giv'st, O "Mother"  
adored,  
Is "the truth of the spirit" which makes  
the mind free.

From bondage Thou freest, from symbol, and  
type,  
From creed and from scroll Thou lift'st the  
soul,  
From priests and from idols Thy children are  
free,  
No script can confine them, no credo con-  
trol!

Then fear not the truth, O thou doubter of God!  
'Tis "the mixture" thou see'st which lead-  
eth away,  
'Tis the letter that killeth, which cause'th the  
strife,  
Directing, O brother, thy reason astray!

In the place then of records "describing"  
the past.  
Be thou led by the spirit—be steadfast of  
mind,  
Be constant and brave in the battle of life,  
Be loving and courteous to thy human kind!

<sup>1</sup>John 14:1. <sup>2</sup>Ecclesiastes 24:18, and Gal. 4:26, says <sup>3</sup>Pennington: "The letter or descriptions of things, is not the way, the spirit is the way, the life is the way, the power is the way."

The text in John 14, reads in the Greek, literally "the truth of the spirit."

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