

essence of life which flowed from vessel to vessel, which was uttered and unexpressed. Such opportunities furnishes the mind with fresh convictions of duty and when heeded and obeyed the conversion of soul is attained, just as long as we are willing to be upon the watch tower, and not be beguiled by the enemy.

Near the tenth hour we separated, bidding our friends farewell, feeling an assurance, although the quarterly meeting was a thing of the past, its memory will long be retained. E. H. B.

Purchase, 2nd mo., 4, '88.

### PELHAM HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Friends composing Pelham H. Y. Meeting are widely separated. It is composed of the three Monthly Meetings of Pelham and Norwich in Canada and Battle Creek in Michigan. Some Friends belonging to the last named are living in Ohio. The meeting is held in the Township of Pelham, in the Niagara District (about 12 miles from the Falls), once in two years in the winter season. At other times it is held in Yarmouth and Lobo. This winter it was Pelham's turn, and on the morning of the 9th inst. we, of Lobo, were up betimes and preparing to reach Pelham that day, 150 miles away. The morning was severely cold, the thermometer indicating 12° below zero, and the day proved to be the coldest of the winter, scarcely rising four degrees all day. But one does not feel the cold much in the cars, and we were conveyed on excellent sleighing to and from the stations. What to us is now but a few hours ride was to our fathers days of travel, for it was formerly accomplished by private conveyance. Lobo's compliment on this occasion was 15, more than half of whom were young people. We were quite shut in by the frosted car windows, but could not refrain from melting peek-holes

through occasionally to get a view of some of the towns and cities through which we were passing, also the tempting scenery, especially about Dundas away down in the valley, and Hamilton and Burlington Bay—but the bay was frozen over, but to our left at many times between the cities of Hamilton and St. Catharines we could see the blue waters of Lake Ontario. At St. Catharines we were met by our friends with two large sleighs, and they were needed for our company was augmented by two cousins from Western New York. An hour's drive brought us to comfortable quarters and a hospitable home.

This section is noted for fruit raising. Peaches and grapes of excellent quality are grown in abundance, as well as the harder fruits.

Select Meeting was held on Sixth-day, and on Seventh-day the regular business meeting. But few outside of our H. Y. Meeting were in attendance. Elisha A. Griffiths and wife from Boston, Erie Co., N.Y., were there, and we also met our Friends John and Serena Minard from Yarmouth. Acceptable communications were offered by E. A. Griffiths and Serena Minard. The meeting was about its usual size, and the business transacted was the appointment of Clerks—S. P. Zavitz for Clerk and Amelia R. Fage for Assistant—the reading of the reports from the different monthly meetings, the reading of the queries and advices, and answers to the queries as received from monthly meetings, a summary of which was taken to forward to the coming yearly meeting, and the appointment of Representatives to attend said meeting.

In the evening an interesting and satisfactory parlor meeting was held at the home of Josiah Ward. It was participated in by both old and young. Next day was public meeting day. The house was well filled by a thoughtful and attentive audience. Testimonies were borne by Samuel P. Zavitz, E. A. Griffiths and Serena Minard, and prayer was offered by S. P. Zavitz. Although