

Scattered Seeds, as being suggestive and in line with the most approved methods of teaching little children. It was thought these Lessons are simple and within the comprehension of those for whom they are intended. At the request of those wanting something different, it was, however, agreed to ask for further illustrations and suggestions for the aid of inexperienced teachers. The intermediate lessons, which have been considerably changed and improved in character in the last year, and also the advanced lessons met with general approval.

The next morning, on the 9th, the meetings of the Executive Committee began and continued for two days. Friends in the neighborhood were in attendance and were invited to participate in the deliberations of the Committee, and also Friends from their far away homes in Southern Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, many of whom had come 200 and 300 and even 600 miles to enjoy the Yearly Meeting and to mingle with their friends from the East. Two Friends came 2,000 miles from the valley of the Rio Grande, in New Mexico. Ample provision for dinner and supper during the week had been made on the Meeting-house grounds for the visitors and also the households of our hosts, that the house keepers might be more free from care, and have time and opportunity to mingle with their friends. An attractive feature of the occasion, were the groups of Friends gathered on the grass under the trees or on the porches for social chat with each other.

One noontime, we made a pilgrimage to the grave of Benjamin Teenny, a pioneer in the Anti-Slavery Cause, and a forerunner of Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, and a host of other worthies. He is buried in the little graveyard, adjoining the almost unused Meeting-house, about a mile from the present meeting property. Both the graveyard and Meeting-house are near a little stream which gives the name

to Clear Creek Meeting, and are surrounded by a luxuriant growth of timber.

The first session of the Meeting of the Executive Committee was occupied with First-day School affairs and an address by Wm M. Jackson on the intelligent study of the Bible, followed by a discussion in the same line. We were urged to a close and intelligent study of the Bible in the light of modern investigation, that we might make ourselves familiar with its history and literature, as well as gain spiritual instruction from its inspired pages. The Bible is not of supernatural origin, nor has it been preserved supernaturally, but it is the record of the religious development of a great people with a genius for religion. Its keynote is that of righteousness. J.B. Sunderland says, "with an emphasis that is sometimes fairly tremendous, do all the great writers of the Bible impress upon us the grandeur of the moral side of life, and the importance of justice, truth, mercy, but especially righteousness in human conduct." The Bible, in parts, is fragmentary, and often chronologically arranged incorrectly, but we shall find, all through its pages, the sublime thought that God has revealed himself to his children by the inspiration of his Spirit, often imperfectly, it is true, but as the Hebrew race became more highly developed this unspeaking voice became clearer and clearer until we come to the perfect manifestation of the Divine in Jesus of Nazareth. Is it not the part of wisdom to use the book rationally but reverently, to refrain from worshipping the letter, but to rejoice in the gifts of the Spirit which it offers to us? Surely Friends, who believe that to every man this Divine Spirit has been given, have nothing to fear from the intelligent and reverent study of the Bible.

The afternoon was devoted to the subject of education, and an interesting paper was read by Emma Speakman Webster. It was a plea for the higher education of Friends' children in our