

the settlement, at Clear Creek. A certificate was presented to the Monthly Meeting held 4th mo. 7th, 1842, for Joseph M. Wilson and Frances P., his wife, and their five minor children, viz., Catharine Price, Mary S., Nathan P., Elizabeth and John Henry, from White Water Monthly Meeting, Ind., their residence at the time being near Sterling, Whiteside Co., Ills.

At the Monthly Meeting, held 6th mo., 1842, certificates were presented for Rebecca Fell, an approved minister, and her minor son, Phineas, from White Water, Ind.; also for Joshua Fell and his wife, Sarah, and their two minor children, Charles Edwin and Mary Elizabeth; and for Jesse W. Fell and Esther, his wife, and their minor son, Henry; also for Kersey and Vickers Fell, from the same place.

Certificates were also presented for Samuel Comly and Susanna, his wife, and minor son, Isaac, from Westland Monthly Meeting, Penn; from same place one for Rachael Smith, and for Phebe and Lydia Comly. Certificates were presented, also, for Sabina Merritt, daughter of Joseph Hoyle, and for Elma C. Wilson, daughter of William Hoyle, from Smithfield, Ohio.

As results of the earnest labors of Friends, early settlers, at Clear Creek, with the assistance of those joining them later, Blue River Quarterly Meeting was held at Clear Creek, 11th mo. 26th, 1870, and continues to be held there in 11th mo. of each year, followed by the establishment of Illinois Yearly Meeting in 9th mo., 1875, at the same place. Respectfully submitted.—Abel Mills (Chairman), Susan Wierman, Carver Tomlinson, Sarah G. Swaney, David Wilson, Committee.

READING.*

(Written for School by Ethel Zavitz.)

Whatever we read, we read in the hope of gaining knowledge, or else we read for pleasure. It does not matter what the piece is if it always contains some good moral.

I think we should not read so many

novel-styled stories. If we wish to get good story books we should never get ten-cent novels, as they are the worst kind of books to be had. If we wish to read books on fiction we should read only those written by some author who we know writes good books.

We should not read so fast as to fail to get the true meaning; for, by doing this we get our minds in a very excited state. In getting our minds into such an excited state, we get so that we cannot leave the book or story we are reading, alone, and in this way we often pass over reading that would be best for us to read.

After we have read a chapter or two in a book or a piece in a newspaper, we should not fail to talk with some one about it. In this way we would get the full meaning of the piece and we could see clearer the facts which are right and those which are wrong. If the piece is one which we think would benefit us, we should, after reading, tell the story in the best way we could, as this would help us in our compositions, essays; etc.

In the *Farmer's Advocate* is an address to farmer's sons by President Mills. He says: "Observe, read, and think. In every community the educated classes are the ruling classes.

"For just experience tells in every soil,
That those who think must govern those
who toil."

Your education is very defective and you are doing nothing to improve it. Begin to read. Nearly all great men are 'great readers. It is not necessary to go to a high school or a college to get an education. Some of the best educated men in the country are self-educated—self made men—and you can acquire a good education if you will only observe, read, and think. Read papers, magazines and good books. Read closely, read thoughtfully and think over what you have read. It is wonderful what a man with even one talent can do when he makes a good use of his time.

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