

menace to the home, society and the State."

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CONTENTMENT.

"Whate'er the future hath
Of marvel or surprise."

When nature's rarest hues disclose,
When beauty forth Thy goodness shows,
When birds sing forth, O joyously
Keep, Oh! keep my heart to Thee.

If summer suns again I see,
If hope her pinions spread for me;
If flowers shall in my way up spring,
Or friendship's wreaths around me cling,

Oh! may they all seem nought to me
Compared with that of peace with Thee;
Tho' other years to me may come,
Tho' I a wanderer, still may roam.

Tho' other scenes I live among
And other visions round me throng,
Be Thou, O, still my friend and guide,
My Helper, till the grave shall hide.

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ISAAC WILSON'S VISIT TO LOUDOWN.

Isaac Wilson and wife arrived at Purcellville on Fourth-day, 1st mo. 16th, and that evening a parlor meeting was held at A. B. Davis'. On Fifth-day they attended the Monthly Meeting at Goose Creek, which was an especially favored occasion.

The message was so clear and logical, and at the same time so fermented with the love of the Father for His children that it sank deep into the hearts of those privileged to hear.

On Fifth-day evening, another parlor meeting was held at the home of Elizabeth Gregg, in Lincoln. The attendance was very good, and some conditions made known in the silence received satisfying answers to their questionings. While there was not much expression, a deep realization of the unseen power "that makes for righteousness" pervaded the assembly.

On Sixth-day, at eleven o'clock, an appointed meeting was held at the meeting-house, when another feast was enjoyed. This time the message was

more doctrinal, though no less forcible, and apparently as well received by those not members, as on the day previous. The simplicity of Gospel truth, when shorn of all dogmatism and man-made creeds, was convincingly portrayed.

We next met them at Waterford, 2nd mo. on First-day, 20th.

Of the meetings in Waterford, the Loudown *Telephone* says:

"Some of the local ministers spoke briefly, but the leading discourses were by Isaac Wilson, of Canada, who occupied over an hour each day, making two exceedingly strong, clear and effective sermons—in which the simple faith of the Society of Friends was presented in very comprehensive manner. On the Sabbath he spoke from the text: 'Salvation is of the Lord;' and he made a plain and practical application of the story of Jonah to the life of every rational being—showing that the Lord giveth salvation to every soul that yields to his will. And so simple, said he, is God's plan of salvation, that instead of taking a whole volume to express it, it is found embodied in the Sermon on the Mount; and, furthermore, if human life were conformed to one declaration in that sermon—'whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them'—the world would be saved. On Monday his text was the invitation to Peter: 'Come and see.' From this he taught the important lesson of individual responsibility and individual work. That man should not be content to accept rumor or heresay as to the way of salvation, but should for himself 'Come and see;' and that every rational being has the opportunity to do this, and he falls short of his duty and of his greatest blessing if he fails to do so. And, furthermore, if he will but cease to do evil, resolve to do well, and turn his face towards the Father's house, the Father will see him even 'afar off,' and go forth to welcome him.

"These sermons were very strong presentations of the Gospel of Christ,