

Lesson leaves?" called forth a general discussion of the subject in its various bearings. An essay from J. J. Cornell on "Character Building" found place. There was one other, beginning with the text, 'Love the Lord with all thy might, mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself.' After a few remarks by Isaac Wilson, the F. D. S. Association adjourned to meet at Sparta on Seventh-day, at 3 o'clock of Yearly Meeting week next year.

#### FIFTH-DAY'S SESSION.

The minutes of the Representative Committee were read, and its proceedings approved by the meeting, also reports from the Temperance Association. The committee on treasurer's accounts on isolated members from Friends' Union for Philanthropic Labor, and a summary report of the Yearly Meeting. J. J. Cornell, who is soon to remove to Baltimore, Md., feelingly delivered his farewell address, having been a constant attendant for fifty years, and for thirty years connected with the business of the Meeting. Also feeling remarks from John Onderdonk, Charlotte Cox, Louisa J. Roberts and Isaac Wilson.

Adjourned to meet at Sparta, Ont.  
The meeting closed with prayer.

#### HEAVEN.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven."

Now, Heaven is a state of peace, quietness and contentment, and consequent enjoyment, and we are commanded to seek this state of being above everything else, and we all know of a truth that there is by far more real pleasure derived thereby than there is in the accumulation of riches without happiness; for the accumulation of riches very frequently destroys rather than enhances our happiness; yet still we pursue them with eagerness at the expense of our real happiness, which happiness should be our first consideration, and if this happiness could be secured to ourselves and those around us whilst the riches are being secured,

then possibly what is gained in what might be called a worldly way might be all right, but if our peace is destroyed and we made turbulent and vexed in the pursuit of them, then possibly the riches may be gained at too great a cost, and this is what we are to guard against whilst in the occupation of our business, for what we accumulate without worry of mind and vexation will enhance our happiness much more than obtained otherwise. Then it seems necessary for us to consider in order to secure our happiness, that when we are about to pursue any object that in the first place we see that our happiness (and consequently the happiness of others) is established thereby rather than that our riches be enhanced, but if the riches be enhanced and the happiness also at the same time, then of course their pursuit is all loyal and right, but seek the peace of mind, even if it be at the expense of the riches. These are often obtained at the expense of one's happiness, in which case they do not seem to do much, if any good to the one who thus acquired them. Therefore let us first seek the kingdom of peace, quietness and contentment, which is of a heavenly nature, before riches or the accumulation of this world's goods. And the great law-giver said that "What I say unto one I say unto all. Watch, lest ye enter into temptation." It seems as though he knew the aptitude of the human mind to deviate from the one thing needful, and place its attention and affections on that which would be a detriment rather than a help to what would be to its greatest good, and to have its affections upon things of a nature inconsistent with a heavenly state. So then let us first seek the Kingdom of Heaven (the enjoyment of peace, happiness and contentment before anything else whilst in this state of being) and its righteousness, and all things necessary thereunto shall be added. This command would not have been given if it were not possible to be attained or found and experienced whilst in this