

nection with all others. At the close a few feeling remarks were made at the loss sustained by this quarterly meeting in the recent death of one of our valued members, well advanced in years. We feel that he was like a shock of corn fully ripe, now gathered to the heavenly garner.

The business of the quarterly meeting was then concluded in a spirit of unity and good feeling. M. J. H.

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### PURCHASE QUARTERLY MEETING.

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Purchase Quarterly Meeting was held at Purchase, on the 1st of 2nd mo. Meeting for ministers and elders the day previous at 2 o'clock, and public meeting the day after; all of which were pretty well attended. We missed the presence of several of our aged friends, who were unable to mingle with us on account of declining health. Isaac Wilson, from Westlake monthly meeting, held at Bloomfield, Canada, was in attendance, accompanied by J. William Hutchinson, from New York city, also a number of friends from neighboring quarters. All of whom were welcome visitors.

Words of counsel and exhortation flowed freely from the lips of our friend I. W., speaking of the experiences of his soul life for the encouragement of his hearers; not to let the light that has been lit in our hearts by our Heavenly Father be hid or go out, but enable it to shine brighter and brighter by being obedient to every requirement of the divine will, however small it may appear to our natural understanding.

Other corroborating testimonies were given, that happiness and true peace would shed their effulgent light over the pathway of a life so dedicated. The business part of the meeting was transacted in much solemnity. As the answers to the usual five queries were read, there were no marked de-

viations, yet it would be well for us to make the individual inquiry, am I showing by my daily life, that I am serving my Heavenly Father in the way He has designed me to glorify His name? The Temperance Committee reported there had been no course of united labor during the past year, but attention had been given to the great work before them. They were reappointed to use their efforts to lessen the evils of intemperance.

Previous to the shutters being closed for this meeting, R. S. Haviland announced on behalf of the Friends of this place, an invitation to attend a social religious meeting at this house at 7:30 o'clock p.m. A parlor meeting was first suggested, but owing to the inclemency of the season, the horses could be better cared for in this way. Quite a goodly number convened at the appointed time, comprising all ages, seated promiscuously together. The seats were arranged for the occasion, producing a social feeling. Words of religious inquiry and experience were heard, from those who had heretofore been called to testify to the tender mercies of the Father, and from those who had not before felt to take part in vocal religious exercise. On Fifth-day, I. W. was a testimony-bearer to the all-sufficiency of the grace of God, to render us fit receptacles for his Holy Spirit to dwell in, when a willingness is begotten in us to follow that unerring guide which led Israel out of Egypt into the promised land.

Thus ended the exercises of our quarterly meeting. We had been so fed from the green pastures and living waters of life, that the cementing influence of the Father's love bound our feelings so closely together that it seemed with one accord a company of near forty persons assembled at evening in the parlor of E. Willetts, where our Friends were visiting. Among these were the aged, middle aged, and the younger buds of promise. It is not in my power to describe with pen and paper the living evidences of the real