

## NEWS OF FRIENDS.

I have thought that a little account of one of the smallest and most distant of our monthly meetings might not be amiss.

Battle Creek monthly meeting is all that is left of the once large body of Friends in Michigan. It was held 7th month, 25th, at the house of Joseph Smith, where it has seemed best to adjourn it once a year.

Our two preparative meetings, (Battle Creek and West Unity) are nearly ninety miles apart, and Friends are few and most of them feeble, so the meeting is extremely small. This time a company of nine members met, most of whom had come twenty miles. We greatly enjoyed the social mingling and the meeting. But we could not help remembering our small numbers. The only encouragement was that the few seem anxious to keep up our little meeting, and maintain our testimonies. We do not feel willing to be left with no religious associations and helps, and would gladly help others to find a practical and simple religion, but this outlook is not encouraging. The meeting was as large as usual.

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 PELHAM HALF-YEAR MEETING.
 

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[Instead of writing up a report of our half-yearly meeting we will let our readers "see ourselves as others see us," by quoting from *Intelligencer* and *Journal*. Ed.]

Pelham half-year meeting, held at Yarmouth, Ontario, on Eighth month 18th, was an interesting occasion to the many strangers there gathered from various parts of "the States," as well as to the members thereof who so cordially welcomed their "American" friends. The day was unusually pleasant, and this, in addition to the commodious house, most beautifully located in a fine grove of native maple and beech trees, well filled with intelligent, warm-hearted people, was comforting and inspiring.

The public service, in the hour de-

voted to worship, devolved upon Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield, Ontario, and David B. Bullock, of Salem, N. J. To many present the holding of a large meeting in joint session was a new experience, and the impression left was that of satisfaction and profit. The business was transacted with dignity and the attention was close and earnest. The reading and answering of the queries, with the excellent advices in the beautiful language of their revised Book of Discipline, was very impressive. Minutes were read, one from Green street, Philadelphia, for Louisa J. Roberts, a minister, and one from Shrewsbury, N. J., for Phebe C. Wright, an Elder; these were received with expressions of welcome, which was extended to the many strangers present without minutes, with equal cordiality. The extracts from the late Genesee Yearly Meeting were read in part, and to these, as well as to the searching words of exhortation to diligence in the attendance of meetings, both from L. J. Roberts and Isaac Wilson, those assembled gave earnest heed. The session closed under a feeling of thankfulness for the opportunity granted.

The First day meeting following the H. Y. Meeting was very largely attended; some not being able to obtain seats remained outside in their carriages at the doors. The solemnity of the people was marked, and the opportunity a most favored one. L. J. Roberts opened the meeting by a brief but fervent prayer, which was followed by a clear and living testimony by Serena Minard to the perpetual presence of God and the nearness to us, at all times, of the Heavenly Kingdom. But the discourse of the day was given through Isaac Wilson, who, with great power presented the spirituality and practical character of the religion taught by Jesus Christ. The delivery occupied nearly an hour and baptized the entire assembly. At the close the voice of thankfulness was heard from several full hearts, and the meeting closed in a solemnity felt to be universal. H.