

a charming rural district in Canada, with a delightfully refreshing air and a favorable breeze, we quite forgot the experiences our distant Friends were passing through, or referring to them only with pity for having to endure a sojourn during the hot season in the sultry south. You know it consoled the fox to think that the grapes were sour anyway.

At our Half-Yearly Meeting Serena Minard spoke at some length. None but a short-hand reporter can do justice to her sermons. Not a word can be lost without marring the symmetry and perfection of the whole. I can give but a short synopsis here. She began by saying that the great object of preaching and of religion is to direct us to seek knowledge for ourselves. The source of this highest knowledge is within. "Ye are the temple of the living God." He is present in our souls. But we lack the spirit of true prayer--which is a thirsting and a striving after the divine life. Belief *in* Christ not *about* Christ, secures eternal life. Yet the testimonies found in the Scriptures are encouraging and comforting. In seasons of despondency we are renewed with, "Let not your hearts be troubled," and with, "I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

The religion of Christ is simple and adapted to all mankind. Our God is a universal benefactor. All, without respect of person may feel the sweet influence of the ineffable teacher. He knocks at the door of every heart. He is ever waiting to be gracious. May we be watchful. May we daily seek to know His will, and steadfastly adhere to the things that are lovely and of good report. The strength derived from prayer and intercession was meat for our blessed example. It will be meat for us. The joy of the spirit will be rich compensation for all the body suffers. The everlasting message is, "Obey, and thy soul shall live." Divine revelation has not ceased. O! that we might live nearer to the Christ-spirit to holiness, for how shall we es-

cape if we neglect so great salvation? Truly we have a capacity for inspiration. We are at times filled with the sacred fire. We should be growing towards the light, that light that is our life, that will ever shine more and more unto the perfect day.

At the business meetings the usual routine was followed, the report of the visiting committee, the review of their work, and their reappointment, claimed special attention. It was decided to send a report of all the work done by the visiting committee, since its appointment up to the Yearly Meeting next year.

The work is felt to be important. Much encouragement was tendered the committee.

Sarah Bearss exhorted to be willing, be faithful, and God will be your helper. He will make known to us things that are unknown. Divine inspiration has not ceased. The e will flow to us sweet incomes of heavenly grace from the sanctuary of God.

James Zavitz thought that they should visit not only Friends, but friendly people. We should "let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven."

On First-day the capacious meeting-house was taxed to its utmost, and many remained outside.

William Cornell arose and presented the occurrence of Jesus feeding the multitude. The first injunction was to sit down, then He broke the bread and fed them, and when they were filled a great quantity was gathered up. The same power that fed the multitude then is able and willing to feed it to-day. If we draw nigh unto him he will draw nigh unto us.

James Zavitz followed with the text, 'Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be fed.'

The feeling depends upon the state and condition of the heart. The receiving depends upon ourselves. The seed fell on all kinds of ground, but