

The next paper was by Wm. Walton, entitled "What Makes a Christian? and What is the Object and Effect of a Christian Life?" The writer after defining what constitutes a Christian (according to Webster) went on to state he believed to be a Christian one must not only profess the religion of Jesus, but must practice it, and by practicing it we must live honest, temperate and moral lives, "doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us," and by so doing we will not only ennoble our own lives but the lives of those around us. Several joined in the discussion which followed the reading of these papers, and many words of encouragement and help were given us.

After a short silence, the meeting adjourned to meet 11th mo. 25th.

M. W. F. MOON, Sec.

A regular meeting of the Young Friends' Association of New York and Brooklyn was held in New York 10th mo 27.

The Conference Committee reported that our Association would hold a Conference at Flushing, the 1st of 12th mo.

The report of the Current Topic Section was given by S. Elizabeth Stover, in which mention was made of Henry M Stanley and his work in Africa; the school law in Belgium, which made religious instruction obligatory. In the New York Board \$5 000 was asked for to equip the children for military drill, but it was refused: \$10,000 was asked for to fit out kindergartens and this was granted; This goes to show that military drill is getting less attention, and occupation for young children more, which is as it should be.

Marianna Hallock gave the report for the Literature Section, in which she read the article from the *Intelligencer* for 10th mo. 5th, entitled, "Are the Quakers Dying Out?" In view of the recent two hundred and fifty first anniversary of the birth of William Penn, the Section thought it fitting to make a partial report of his writings, so a short

review of "No Cross, no Crown," was given, and a few quotations from his Book of Maxims.

The subject for the evening was "Journalism, as a Moral Force." It was opened by Dr. Charles McDowell in a brief talk. Among other things he said that in the history of the world the newspaper was a recent invention, it being only about three hundred years old. It is, to a certain extent, an educator. It broadens our sympathies for other people and countries, and it assists any concerted action on the part of the people. Newspapers follow popular sentiment. The editors assert that the reason they print disgusting matter is that the people want it; so, in order to sell their papers they are obliged to print it. He closed his remarks by saying that each person should be careful of the paper he reads and to read none that have an immoral sentiment. A very interesting discussion followed the opening remarks. The meeting adjourned to meet 11th mo. 10th, in Brooklyn.

M. H

AN EPISTLE.

To Nebraska Half Year's Meeting, to be held at Genoa 10th mo. 27th and 28th, 1895:

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—It is with feelings of deep love that I retire from daily care to pen a few thoughts that crowd for utterance. Certain conditions prevent my being with you in person, and next to this is the use of the pen. Let me assure you that, though hundreds of miles intervene, still the prayer thoughts of my soul will be with you, and may they add a weight to your earnest endeavors that the overshadowing spirit of devotedness to the truth will be as a helmet and shield to guard the tree of spiritual life in each soul. When at eventide we contemplate the day's work that has passed and we find the setting sun of duty shining out brightly with no cloud to cast a shadow, then it is we feel the foun-