

with accounts of the recent Parliament of Religions. Those Friends present, who had been privileged to attend, adding their share to the interesting story for the benefit of those who were not so favored.

Public meeting on the 17th was of deep interest, and we could not but feel the Divine presence hovering round us, and making it an occasion long to be remembered.

I believe we cannot participate in such occasions as these and not be stronger and better fitted for work both in our daily lives and in our beloved Society, and I trust it has left its impress on us all.

I would like to add a few words about our Monthly Meeting, with regard to the question asked by the REVIEW early in the year. How can we best strengthen our home meetings? As already stated in a previous number of the REVIEW, the time of holding our Monthly Meeting was changed from Fourth-day to First-day, so as to enable many to attend who would otherwise be detained by business. The change continues very satisfactory, and as we look round on our large and interested assembly we feel thankful that a change was made which added so much to the strength and interest of our meeting.

The care of the First-day School has recently been assumed by the Monthly Meeting, and, by the advice of the Yearly Meeting a Committee on Philanthropic Labor has been appointed which promises to bring our younger members into greater usefulness in the Society. The new discipline recommends the appointment of Social Committees in our Monthly Meetings to have a care of members who are unable to attend meeting on account of infirmities or those who are non-residents. This subject is claiming our attention.

M. V.

“Just as the *twig* is bent the tree is inclined.” A wise man would not attempt to make a mast for a stately man-of-war from a gnarled and knotty oak.

BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING.

With the mercury near the zero point, we left Chicago for Clear Creek, about 120 miles south-west (eight miles by private conveyance), to attend Blue River Quarterly Meeting. We were met by Clarence Mills at Lostant, who took us to the house of his father, Abel. Here the Yearly Meeting is held. It is sixty-five miles from Benjaminville, the nearest Meeting, where the Quarterly Meeting is held in Second and Ninth months, and three hundred and twenty-five miles from Salem, Ind., where the Quarterly Meeting is held in Fifth month.

The F. D. S. Conference, held on Sixth-day evening, 24th ult., showed favorable reports from Clear Creek and Benjaminville Schools, both of which are now “Evergreen” Schools, and satisfied that the change is for the better.

On Quarterly Meeting day, Abel Mills gave a practical discourse from the text, “I am the resurrection and the life.” The business meeting showed encouraging work done by visiting Friends westward. Being the Quarterly Meeting immediately following the Yearly Meeting, little business was before the meeting. On First-day, Edward Coale spoke at length and in a practical way on the words of St. John: “I baptize with water, but there standeth one among you whom ye know not, etc.”

David Wilson bore testimony in the same line of thought.

Supplication was made by Isaac Wierman. In the evening there was held in the meeting-house the regular Young Folks’ Meeting, largely composed of young Friends but designed as a union meeting. The interest and activity of Friends clearly show that there is a bright future for the Society here.

We regret that space will not permit to give a full report of our mingling with Friends in this prosperous section of the Society’s vineyard.

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