

weakened his mental powers nor dimmed his vision for spiritual things.

At 4 p.m. the second session of the F. D. S. Association met. A large number again gathered, and the business consisted in receiving and adopting the Treasurer's report, reading the epistle produced in answer to those from kindred associations, receiving the report of delegates to attend the General Conference last year and listening to an able and appropriate essay entitled "Our Little Ones."

After a short intermission, during which a photograph of the meeting-house and of those present was taken, a young people's meeting convened. For this meeting a request came from the young members, and was readily complied in by the older members, and many acknowledged it to have been one of the most favored seasons of the week. All undue restraint seemed to be thrown off. A parlor meeting on a larger scale—old and young mingling in seats and in spirit, one after another giving expression to their feelings, all in harmony, and we could not but feel that God was directing.

On Fifth-day at 11 convened the last session of the Yearly Meeting for 1887. Receiving reports of committees occupied much of the time. The Committee on Epistles produced two, which were accepted. The report of the Committee to Collect the Exercises was adopted. Edward G. Schooley, Sparta, Ont., was appointed Treasurer, and \$150.00 was required to be raised for the coming year. The meeting adopted the report of the Committee on Revision of Quotas, taking 3 per cent. off Farmington, and placing 2 per cent. on Pelham and 1 per cent. on Canada H. Y. M's. Fifty dollars was granted for repairing the roof of Farmington meeting-house, and the usual Printing Committee was appointed. Regrets at parting mingled with feelings of gratitude to the great Giver of all good gifts came from thankful hearts for the favor of the privilege of

these meetings, and we adjourned to meet at Bloomfield, Ont., in 6th mo., 1888.

I have given the business of the meeting in its nakedness. Space does not allow the insertion of the exercises, which, after all, is the life of all such gatherings. Some of these will be given elsewhere. Suffice it to say that harmony and forbearance prevailed. All our sessions were attended by large numbers of attentive and intelligent young people deeply interested in the affairs of the church, and destined, I believe, to be willing laborers in the important and varied work of our beloved Society. The weather was favorable throughout, and many were the expressions of gratitude for the privileges afforded. The old seem to have become younger and the younger more matured by the closer relationship of the past few years—all work in harmony—there is no longer any gap. Our meetings are all held in joint sessions. This too had had the tendency to draw us into closer relationship.

Coldstream, 6, 27.

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#### PURCHASE QUARTERLY MEETING.

Purchase Quarterly Meeting was held at Amawalk on the 26th, 27th and 28th of 4th mo. The meeting of ministers and elders was on Third-day at 2 o'clock p.m. No Friends from this meeting in attendance. Fourth-day morning at 11 o'clock the meeting convened. It was a clear day, and the lower part of the house was well filled with an attentive audience. Words of encouragement were spoken to travelers Zionward to continue to worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such He seeks to worship Him. After a season of spiritual refreshing, the paction was closed, and the business of the meeting was entered upon.

Answers to all the queries came from our three monthly meetings. Although deficiencies were apparent, a concern was manifested in the answers to adhere to the principles of our Society.

According to the recommendation of our