

## CANADA HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

HELD AT BLOOMFIELD, THE 25th, 26th AND 27th OF 5th MONTH 1895.

The meeting for Ministers and Elders convened at 3 o'clock, Seventh-day afternoon.

In the evening a meeting of the Standing Committee for Philanthropic Labor was held. The chairman opened the meeting by reading the 14th chapter of St. John, after which a highly interesting and instructive programme was rendered, consisting of readings, recitations and addresses. One of the principal features was a dialogue given by two small children, exemplifying the good influence a little child can have over her fellow-playmates.

The law against the liquor traffic in Maine (the oldest Prohibition State of the Union) was explained, showing that while it is possible for that prohibitory law to be broken, the same as the law here against stealing, still it is very strict, and there is very little drunkenness throughout the State, and when any are found violating it they are severely punished. The children there grow up to look upon the liquor traffic as a criminal offence, which it surely is. Let us put forth every effort to raise the standard of this Dominion of ours and make it as pure in the sight of God.

First-day morning. Meeting for worship convened about 11 o'clock. The silence was broken by our friend, Isaac Wilson, who beautifully addressed us from the text, "Take ye away the stone," followed by prayer by Sarah Spencer.

In the afternoon the third semi-annual First-day School Association was held. This session was opened by reading the 23rd Psalm, after which a short but impressive silence was enjoyed.

Reports were then read from four of the schools, most of which were very encouraging, bearing evidence that we

are each made stronger and better fitted for the work our Heavenly Father has for us to do by thus using our talents in the First-day School. Some excellent readings and recitations were given, and remarks made according to the nature of each selection. A rich essay was read on the subject, "The relation of the First-day School to the Meeting," which particularly emphasized the fact that the First-day School is the place to inculcate in the minds of the children the true principles of Friends, that they may grow up to love them, remembering that if we fail to sow we cannot reap.

Second-day morning we were reminded of what our forefathers suffered to gain the freedom of worship we now enjoy, and we were urged to remember that while no such sacrifice is required of us to-day still there is a work for us to do.

The business of the Half Yearly Meeting was then transacted, and with feelings of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings enjoyed the Meeting adjourned.—M.E.B.

## YOUNG FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION.

A particularly interesting session of the Young Friends' Association of New York and Brooklyn was held in the New York Meeting House the First-day evening of Yearly Meeting week, 5th mo. 26th. There was a large attendance, and we felt much encouraged by the interest shown by our many visitors. After our usual opening silence, and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, a committee to nominate officers was appointed, and the finance and membership committees gave their reports. Harriet Cox McDowell, our delegate to the Conference of Friends' Associations, held in Philadelphia on 5th mo. 13th, gave a very interesting account of the Conference. Caroline A Miller, our Secretary, reported that she had sent copies of our constitution to twenty-