

thankfulness for the charity, forbearance and courage of its deliberations. The open-hearted patient spirit in which some extreme but thoroughly sincere utterances were listened to, the firm and constitutional way in which it dealt with the difficult questions involved in what is called Home Mission Work, and the large measure of harmony and brotherly consideration which have constituted throughout the very atmosphere of its deliberations, are cheering proofs of a firm and growing faith among our members generally, in the real presence and guidance of Him who is now as ever, the active Head of His Church and the Teacher of Truth to His people, as they are able to bear it."

FISHING CREEK HALF-YEAR MEETING.

The above Meeting was held at Millville, Pa., 6th mo. 22nd. It is composed of Roaring Creek and Fishing Creek Monthly Meetings.

Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting was held at Catawissa on the 20th. Although this is a small meeting, the promise to the two or three was fully realized on this occasion.

Fishing Creek Monthly Meeting convened at Millville 10 a. m.; the Meeting for Ministers and Elders at 3 p. m., on the 21st.

These meetings, together with the youths' or public meeting on the 23rd, compose the series of meetings held at this time.

The spoken word was acceptably handed forth by Isaac H. Hilborn, Watson Tomlinson, Anna M. Ormsby and William U. John. Perry John and Mary Emma Walter answered the call to vocal service at Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting, in addition to some of those named above.

On these occasions the mother's influence and love were tenderly spoken of, also early impressions received in meeting. The almost-persuaded were entreated to yield a full surrender.

No life is a truly happy life unless consecrated to the work God designed for us.

The light which lighteth every one coming into the world was dwelt upon. It is nothing outward, but an inward spiritual light. Ministers are not that light, but, like John the Baptist, they bear witness to it. They can exhort others to come to the fountain of living water, but they cannot drink of it for them.

The good seed is sown in every heart, but in order that it may germinate, the soil must be in the right condition. The light must shine upon it, and the tender plant must be nourished and cherished, and everything of an opposite nature must be removed, or it will not grow as it should. We are all free agents—we can accept or reject the light as we will. We can open the door when we hear the knock, or we can keep it shut and live in spiritual darkness.

The four conditions of the soil were dwelt upon as described in the parable, also the wheat and the tares. The chaff and the refuse will be separated from the good grain. Nothing good will be lost or destroyed.

But to become children of the light we must believe in the light. We cannot see the light if we shut it out by unbelief.

If we bring our gifts to the altar having aught against a brother they will not be acceptable. We must first be reconciled, then bring our gifts.

Watson Tomlinson remained with Millville Friends until Second-day morning. He was acceptably with them in their Meeting and First-day School on the 25th.

The quarterly review in our First-day School at this time was much enjoyed by those present. The paragraph on the Lesson Leaves in the article over the signature of K., in the REVIEW for 5th mo., drew forth a sentiment which the writer did not know existed. At least one member of the First-day School feels that we have sustained a loss by leaving the International plan. Some others may feel as he does. K.