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Genesee Yearly Meeting is held this year at Farmington, near Macedon Station, N. Y., and convenes on the 13th of 6th mo. Meeting for Ministers and Elders on the 11th.

## BORN.

ZAVITZ.—To Jonah D. and Emily C. Zavitz, of Coldstream, a daughter, who is named Helen Anna, 5th mo. 1st, 1895.

## NEBRASKA HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Seventh-day afternoon, fourth month 23, Friends met in the capacity of Nebraska Half-Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders. To Eastern eyes the meeting might look quite small, but when we consider the distance travelled by many and the difficulties in the way, our hearts are

bowed in thankfulness for the privilege of their mingling.

The regular routine business was transacted in much harmony. The advices to ministers and elders were also read.

We felt truly thankful that we were favored with the company of Joshua L. Mills, of Illinois, and Ellwood Trueblood, of Indiana.

We were advised not to yield to discouragement, remembering the language of the Master, "Be of good cheer." We devote a very small amount of time to religious service, perhaps two hours weekly, then how important it is that we be faithful to all little duties at home, not over anxious concerning the trials and difficulties of life. Parents were advised to dwell up on a higher plane, that they may strengthen the tired and weary. Let us cling together and blot out any ill or little unpleasantness.

The outside world often enquires what is meant by the terms principles and testimonies of Friends; the question should be, What is the principle and what are the testimonies? Bancroft, an outsider, said that the whole fabric is builded on one word, the *Light*. Out of this has grown several testimonies. One of the first was a free Gospel ministry. George Fox saw that the Gospel was bought and sold, and that the preachers to obtain their fees would declare their allegiance to first one king and then another. Our testimony to-day is different, many of the preachers of the churches are called of God. Another is our testimony concerning oaths. Woolman bore his testimony against oppression, so also did John Bright.

The world still needs the Society of Friends. In our travels we have asked both old and young what are the needs of our Society. Some say a dedicated membership, others a dedicated ministry; if we have a dedicated membership there will surely grow out of it a dedicated ministry. We should have faith in the power of prayer.