

thought to be one great lesson, also his obedience and firm dependence upon his Father.

A poem, "Seeds," was read in concert by the association.

The hope was expressed that, by thus mingling in this association this beautiful afternoon, each one of us may have gathered some good thought to take home with him, and we trust that the Father's love may keep us until we are permitted to meet again.

The business meeting on Second-day, though small, showed that those present were thoughtfully interested in the business before us.

It has been our custom to correspond with Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting, receiving an epistle from them in the spring and sending them one in the fall. An expression in the epistle, submitted for the meeting's consideration at this time, drew forth considerable discussion as to whether it was right to say we are a peculiar people—the expression in substance was that, as we mingle with those outside our society, and realize that they look upon us as a peculiar people, how important it is especially in this western country where there is scarcely anyone *at all* familiar with our customs, that we hold fast to the Friendly principles we should hold so dear.

The four queries, with the answers, were considered, and the following minute from Genoa was also read: "In answering the queries in regard to the spiritual condition of society, it is to be regretted that a large part of Genoa Monthly Meeting live at so great a distance from the Meeting as to be unable to attend only at long intervals, in fact some of our birthright members seldom or never attend Friends' Meetings."

We were favored to transact the business coming before us in much harmony, and, while we missed the outward presence of some who are wont to meet with us in our semi-annual gatherings, we could not doubt they thought of us.

Could those of the more favored East realize the help and encouragement given by their presence, even though they may have no vocal labors amongst us, there would be, perhaps, a greater effort made by some to come and help hold up our hands.

On behalf of the committee,

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ONE VIEW.

Just now, much is being said relative to "individual faithfulness." Let us set our minds to thinking how difficult a thing it is to be faithful. It is not always easy to find one's "sphere," and, when found, it is by no means an easy task to demonstrate one's fitness for it.

The spirit or disposition to be "faithful" lives with many within our fold. There is a desire to labor for the advancement of our cause, and yet a reluctance on the part of those well-qualified for active service. Why this hesitancy? This is not a new query; indeed it is one which we have heard many times.

If the duties that devolve upon our members are burdensome inflictions, always performed under stress of human feelings, how natural that they should evade them, and think "this work it not mine."

Fear of what people will say is a great obstacle to active work. I am persuaded that much of the inertia that enfeebles our meetings is directly due to fear of criticism. The fact that people are prone to criticise (not always kindly) the motive that impels the ambitious worker, and also his fitness for responsible positions, always has been and always will be a hindrance to the growth of our society.

All men and women are not endowed with the same degree of capability, though all have equal rights. It is the *right* of every individual to judge as to his or her fitness for this or that line of service. There is no fault more common among us than the *under-*