

to growth in the human heart, never against it It is "if thou wilt."

We want to watch and pray, but with that watchfulness and prayer we must work, cultivate and till, and the result is assured. Let us have confidence in our hearts, that if we do all that can be done the reward must follow.

If we study in the great book of nature, as it opens and reveals our relationships, we shall find the kingdom of heaven, the soul life. It will permeate our whole manhood and womanhood; it is the divine and spiritual that we call God. Then mind will be able to commune with mind, one soul with another. Let us seek to cultivate these God-given attributes, leave non-essentials behind, and we will be encouraged to press forward for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

HYMN BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

God of our fathers, known of old—
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the kings depart.
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far called our navies melt away—
On dune and headland sinks the fire;
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe
Such boasting as the Gentiles use
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to guard—
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!

NOTES BY THE WAY IN IDAHO AND UTAH.

GEO. S. TRUMAN.

At your last Illinois yearly meeting a committee was appointed of two from each Quarterly and Half-Year Meeting for the purpose of visiting such places as may present for the purpose of centralizing such of our members as desire to remove to new locations in order that they may derive the benefits socially, intellectually, and spiritually, from a residence near each other; and thinking it might be of interest to others I have jotted down a few thoughts under the above heading. The committee started from their respective homes on the 30th of the 6th mo. and I met with them at Columbus, in Nebraska.

After we left Columbus, we of course passed through Nebraska, which is so familiar to most of your readers as to require but little from me, further than to say that though western Nebraska gives evidence of the need of a greater and more continued supply of moisture in order for the perfection of her crops, yet I have an abiding faith in the country of my adoption, as well as a stronger one that an overruling Providence has made nothing in vain, and that science will yet unfold some means by which the moisture may be attracted to the soil, so as to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eater. But what shall I say for Wyoming, through whose almost barren hills, and plains, we travelled for more than a day by rail, and though opposed to all monopolies in what contribute to the wants or needs of humanity, I could not help feeling that the stock companies which have fenced so much of that country, did not deserve so much censure as they have received, as the cost of the miles of fencing was really more than the value of the land.

From the miles of snow sheds along the line of the railroad it is evident that a large amount of melted snow was allowed to go to waste, which if stored