

by human agencies, so it is with the spirits. The water scattered out in little drops is collected into springs, rivers and the mighty ocean, then gathered up into clouds and again distributed. So we in the exercise of our talents have a continual work to perform, which, like the little drops of water, gather strength as they proceed. We find on looking back over this meeting some have been gathered home, some have moved away, and some have not been faithful, and the desire was expressed that we should look to a higher power; for so long as we adhere to our own selfish wills we cannot be the obedient children of God.

As you walk along and see a pin you may think "I do not need it now," but if you do not pick it up you may need it sometime when you have not got it. So let us gather up the crumbs while we can for future use.

There is nothing that a person would exchange for the feeling of peace, when they realize that they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, by living the Christ life, for the blood is the symbol of life. To the young man who queried with Him, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life, Jesus said: "Thou knowest the commandments." "These have I kept from my youth up, what lack I yet?" If he had lived right how did he know that he lacked anything? What did he lack? "Go, sell that thou hast and give to the poor," (not lands or cattle, but his own selfish will) "then come and follow me." We should rid ourselves of everything that interferes with the Spirit of Christ in the soul.

First-day School Conference met in the afternoon. The clerk opened the meeting by reading an extract from an appeal to professing Christians on the subject of war. The representatives from the schools were all present, reports were received from four, one being a union school, held near Bennet, and using Friends Lesson

Leaves. A summary was made to be sent to our Yearly Meeting, to be held in 9th mo. next, and representatives appointed. It was thought the present Intermediate Lesson Leaves, and the lessons in "Scattered Seeds" are meeting a long felt want. A few generations of such teaching would dispel scepticism. What is that higher education so frequently spoken of? If it is merely an intellectual education, then we can have too much, but if it is an education of the spirit by which we learn what it is that we should do, then we can never have too much. A letter from Nellie Lownes, of Los Lunas, New Mexico, to the children, was read. In it she spoke of their holding a little First-day School. The children's exercises were interesting, and the little ones often sow seeds that in the great future will yield an abundant harvest. Second-day morning about the usual number were in attendance. Our hearts were touched with feelings of the deepest gratitude for the blessed privilege of thus mingling together. Our dear aged friends, Joshua L. Mills, of Illinois, a member of the Yearly Meeting Visiting Committee, and Isaac Vale, of Kansas, were present with us, and it does seem that we should do all in our power to keep alive our meetings in this far western country, and show our appreciation of the fostering care of Illinois Yearly Meeting. Surely it is worth an effort when we see Friends come together from such distant parts as they have to attend this Half Yearly Meeting. The duty of the Meeting respecting the certificates of Friends removing from one neighborhood to another, was brought before us.

The queries were all read and answered. The fourth drew forth the remark of the desirability of having laws enabling us to care for habitual drunkards in institutions as we do other diseased persons. But why not begin by refusing to license those