

## THE CARPENTER.

That evening, when the carpenter swept  
out

The fragrant shavings from the work-  
shop floor,

And placed the tools in order and shut to  
And barred, for the last time, the humble  
door,

And going on his way to save the world,  
Turned from the laborer's lot forever-  
more,

I wonder—was he glad?

That morning, when the carpenter walked  
forth

From Joseph's doorway, in the glimmering  
light,

And bade his holy mother long farewell,  
And, through the rose-shot skies with  
dawning bright,

Saw glooming the dark shadow of the  
cross,

Yet, seeing, set his feet toward Cal-  
vary's height,

I wonder—was he sad?

Ah! when the carpenter went on his way,

He thought not for himself of good or ill,

One was his path, through shop or through  
ing men

Craving his help e'en to the cross-  
crowned hill,

In toiling, healing, teaching, suffering—all

His joy, his life, to do his Father's will,

And earth and heaven are glad!

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## NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Half-Yearly Meeting of  
ministers and elders met near Genoa,  
at the usual time on Seventh-day  
afternoon, 10th mo. 23rd, 1897.

There were no strangers from other  
meetings with us. The regular business  
was transacted. The meeting for wor-  
ship on First day, though not as large  
as sometimes, was well attended.

We were exhorted to do our work  
now, to-day, that the present only is  
ours, not to think that we can nurse  
an unpleasant feeling toward a friend  
or neighbor to-day, and to-morrow we  
will have an understanding and forgive  
them. Remember when the period we  
now call to-morrow comes it will only  
be to-day, and those with whom we

are intending to have an understanding  
may be beyond our reach, being care-  
ful to heed the query, "Who art thou  
that judgest another man's servant?"  
To his own master he standeth or  
falleth, remembering the case of the  
thief upon the cross, "Lord, remember  
me, when thou comest into thy king-  
dom," and the answer, "This day shalt  
thou be with me in Paradise."

Lunch was served in the meeting-  
house to all. As is our custom, most  
of those at the morning meeting re-  
mained for the First day School As-  
sociation which met at two o'clock.  
The clerks both being absent, Hamp-  
tonetta Burgess and Hetty K. Truman  
were appointed for the day.

The names of the representatives  
being called—from Garrison, all were  
present but one; from Genoa, all but  
two; from Lincoln, no representatives  
were appointed as their school is not  
now in session, but, there being two  
present from Lincoln, it was suggested  
that they be considered as representa-  
tives; from the school held near  
Bennett, none were appointed, owing  
to a mistake, and their report was not  
received until Second-day morning.  
Garrison and Genoa reported that  
their schools have been in session for  
the past six months. Lincoln school was  
in session about a month and a half.

A friend spoke encouragingly of our  
schools and said that we did not want  
to make proselytes of those who  
gathered with us, but to do them and  
ourselves all the good we can.

A letter of cordial greeting was re-  
ceived from Catharine Anna Burgess,  
she being prevented by an accident  
from mingling with us.

An interesting literary programme  
was then rendered.

The following question was given  
from Garrison school: What are the  
best lessons, the most striking that we  
can draw from the writings of Paul, as  
given in our First-day School lesson  
leaves?

His love for his fellow-men was