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## PELHAM HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

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It is the general impression that this Half-Yearly Meeting was the most successful (if we may use that term) of any ever held in Lobo. Beside the usual meetings on Seventh and First days at eleven o'clock, there was a public meeting on First-day at four in the p. m., and a young people's parlor meeting in the evening. We had a number of Friends from a distance, viz:—Daniel Underhill and wife from Jericho, Long Island, N. Y.; Isaac Willis and wife from Battle Creek, Mich.; Isaac Wilson, wife, and daughter from Bloomfield, Ont.; Aaron Griffith and mother from Thorndale, Ont., the latter lately from Ohio. Their

presence, and their public and private spiritual travail were precious and encouraging to us. On First-day to both meetings the neighboring people came in and filled the house to its utmost capacity. Fortunately the weather and temperature were very favorable.

At the public meeting on Seventh-day, Serena Minard spoke from the text, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." We must show in our daily life and conversation the fruits of the new creature, walking, not after the flesh, but after the spirit. If we live a life in obedience to the light of God shed abroad in the soul we will grow rich in the highest sense, poor only in worthless things. The whole cross is more easily borne than the half. Whoever tries to serve two masters will lose the reward of both. Let us strive to live near to God to gain truth, and near to man for the utterance of that truth to his needs. We must know of being saved from sin now, we must experience heaven here before we can have a full assurance of enjoying them in the world beyond; for where is the capacity for heaven to come from if it is not developed in this life?

Isaac Wilson followed, quoting the passage, "I saw in the way a light from heaven above the brightness of the sun, shining around about me." He held that although Paul was suddenly converted, miraculously as it seemed to be, it is not always profitable for us to look, to wait, for some wonderful outward manifestation of God's power, some interposition of the laws of nature. But there are points in Paul's conversion that correspond in all conversions. A measure of the same light that shone in and around Paul must shine in every soul; it does, in fact, for it is that light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. The same occurrence, if we were aware of it, is repeated often before our eyes to-day. It is the spiritual influence that comes from God out of heaven, con-