

Light and the power of the Gospel, holding their attention well, and afterward those in the house were addressed by several speakers, all dilating on the efficacy of the Inner Light which, if heeded, will lead into purity of thought, which in turn will inevitably produce a pure life. All felt the meetings had been favored seasons, owned by the great Master of assemblies, and with reluctance we parted, knowing that it was more than probable we would never all meet again.

The people in this locality are laboring under discouragements outwardly, as worms, resembling somewhat the cut-worm, yet appearing in armies, are committing great ravages among vegetation, particularly in their clover pastures, seemingly more fond of clover than anything else, yet when that fails them they attack other green things. Some of the fields looked almost as if they had been burned over. Timely rains, which were hoped for, yet had *not* come, would have remedied the evil to some extent, yet withal, the people are cheerful, even hopeful, doing *their* part, spite of adverse circumstances. Let us hope with them that the tide will turn in their favor ere long.

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NEBRASKA H. Y. MEETING.

The Half Yearly meeting was held at Lincoln, 4th mo., 27 to 30.

On Seventh-day, at 2.00 p.m., the meeting of ministers and elders gathered, although they were not the only ones, but the younger generations were also represented.

After a few minutes silence, prayer was offered by Isaiah Lightner. Edward Coale then spoke at some length, calling us to the Light which at all times guides us, and if we are obedient we have peace; it prepares the way for our work, and enables us to work out our own soul's salvation. I cannot call this or any other house

His temple. As we gather here, we should gather into our own hearts. We have a powerful influence over one another. All will be in harmony with one another, if we each gather within ourselves. We are our brother's keepers, so far as we control ourselves and receive the Spirit.

The business meeting then opened. The representatives' names were called, followed by the reading of the queries and advices, and appointing of representatives to the Y. M. A number of remarks were made upon the queries and answers, and the meeting closed under a feeling of love.

First-day morning. The silence was broken by Edward Coale:—The silence has not been lost time; a prayerful silence will help us to get away from the cares of the world.

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to *have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat; but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

Was Peter an unconverted man? His was a strong nature; he followed Jesus implicitly for three years. By his answer to Jesus: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God;" "Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto Thee, but my Father in Heaven." Jesus knew Peter's condition. Peter did not realize the character of Christ. He was looking for an outward kingdom; he had not realized that inward invisible Christ. Let us dwell not too much in the past, but draw lessons from it. God is the same yesterday, to day, and forever.

There is an influence abroad that will drag us down. We meet sin everywhere. We use the term, Satan sift thee as wheat, meaning the evil influences surrounding us. It takes all our faith to withstand the influences of evil. I do not like the term. The religion of Jesus Christ is so simple.

Men and women should live up to their highest conceptions of God. Peter did not know Him. When the