

letter St. Paul had written to his followers, and we should consider and study it as such, but in the meantime learn all the spiritual lessons from it that we can. Samuel P. Brown said he has noticed where people, lacking of things mentioned in the 6th and 7th verses, often hinder advancement in the church. An explanation was asked on the 9th verse, "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." Discussion led on to salvation made on the cross. The thought was given that Christianity was a spiritual growth, and that perfection is attainable for all. The discipline lesson, "Meetings for Ministers and Elders," was then read by Ethel M. Cutler. It was thought that the instructions given were similar to those given by Paul in the Scripture Reading. Nellie Caselman then read the paper she had prepared on "Ministry." Roll call and responses, all present but four. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. After the usual silence, the meeting adjourned to 5th mo. 2nd.

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### NEBRASKA HALF YEARLY MEETING.

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The Nebraska Half Yearly Meeting was held at Lincoln from the 24th to 26th of Fourth mo., 1897.

The meeting of ministers and elders met on Seventh day. The queries were read and answered. The third called forth the question, "How far is this Christian fellowship to go?" What humiliation have we to go through with that we may answer these queries correctly? There are so many little cross roads in our dispositions. If a sister or brother does not come out and do thus and so as we think they should, how do we feel towards them? Are we willing to make sacrifices for our brothers? How many sacrifices have we to make to

come up to our ideal? Jesus sacrificed his life for the truth. How far are we able and willing to go in order to obtain this Christian love and fellowship? this cementing love that will make us as one person, as near as it is possible for us to be. The meeting closed with the following supplication: "In closing we feel we should thank Thee for this little meeting. Be with us at our homes, and may we each come here with the desire to do our individual duty, no matter what the talents may be. Be with the infirm and weak. May the living waters that flow from Thy throne be drank by the souls and Thy blessed Spirit ever rest and abide with us, and may the time come when we may dwell with the redeemed ones."

First day morning a fair sized company gathered. The silence was broken with earnest prayer, asking the Father to be with us individually, that we may be brought into close communion one with another, and where-so'er His children are the Father will hover around them.

Another spoke, seeking not applause, neither desiring a crown, but heed! oh, heed! what the Father hath for you. Whether I say it or not my work to-day is with the young and not with the old. Now, my young friends, do you know where you are sailing to? Have you the rudder, pilot and captain? You need them. Now mark, be careful, the right road is an easy road, and when you have the true captain you do not fear the storm. The Master's burdens are light. When Jesus said "Take up the cross and follow me," he did not mean to take up a wooden cross or silver, but to put down our own selfish nature. We have to come into unity with the Holy Spirit in order to bear these burdens. We were reminded that the young may die, but the old must. We are all passing into the future state, but we all have a work to do. As the water that spreadseth on the ground cannot be gathered up