

Took supper at the home of William Woodward in company with Theodore Russell and niece, returning to the meeting-house, where a session of the Young People's Meeting was held. After a short programme we were left at liberty to address them. The love of the brethren was portrayed giving caution to the old as well as the young; concessions and careful stepplings forward must be governed by the cord of love unfeigned. With a few remarks from our friend, Nathan Edsall, which were as letters of gold in pictures of silver, we concluded. Lodged at H. Edsall's. A pleasant visit. About 8 o'clock Second-day morning, 9th of the mo., N Edsall came and conveyed me to Albin, where we visited Hannah Marsh and her niece, Joel Griffith's daughter, also Rebecca Marsh and daughter, spending a pleasant hour. Called at Woodward's, near Meeting-house. The old gentleman treated us very kindly (not a member with us). Dining at Wm. Seaman's, whose wife is a daughter of Thomas E. Hogue. In the afternoon visited at a Friend's house by the name of Love, whose wife was a Raley, of Ohio. Also visited at Wm. Tomlinson's and Howard Shumway's. All were seasons of strength. Returned to N. Edsall's, where we were to have a parlor meeting, feeling the day had been well spent. At a seasonable time the parlor was comfortably filled, the Spirit moving us to address them in that love of the Gospel that takes away all fear of man, in which John Cory and N. Edsall took part. The opportunity was felt to be as a cementing of souls.

Third-day morning, 10th of the mo., bid my friends adieu, turning my face homeward by way of West Liberty, stopping at Cedar Rapids to visit a niece and family, a widow of Thomas K. Mills, leaving in the evening. Arrived at W. Liberty about 8 p.m. My friend, Mahlan Hollingsworth, was in waiting, taking me to his house where I was kindly entertained during

my stay at Liberty. Fourth-day morning called to see my dear friend, Lydia Elliott, an aged Friend, with a clear perception of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, whose counsel has been for many years highly valued. My call was a strength to me. Attended an appointed meeting at 11 a.m.; was not large; felt to be a season of encouragement to all. After the close an arrangement was made to hold a parlor meeting at the house of Mahlan Hollingsworth. I went home with John Taylor and family, three and one-half miles north-east. A very pleasant visit. They returned with me to Meeting in the evening, where in due time several of their members and some others gathered to offer our thanks to the Heavenly Father for His countless blessings received. The opportunity was enjoyed. Closing the several sessions that I was permitted to hold with my friends in Iowa, Fifth-day morning being pleasant found Mahlan and I visiting the families socially within the village and vicinity, dining at the home of Esther L. Harrison, where we spent a very pleasant time with her and daughter. Continued our visiting. Among the visited were Geo. Moore and daughter. Being old and feeble we did not see him. Was cared for by his affectionate daughter. He passed from this opportunity on the 27th of 12th mo. last, a sheaf, perhaps, fully ripe. We took supper at Aaron W. Mede's, where Ann E. Mede makes her home, spending the evening very pleasantly. That day we visited twelve families. Early in the morning, 12th mo. 13, he accompanied me to the station. Took train homeward after mingling pleasantly with my many friends in Iowa. My heart rejoiced in the feeling that the Master of Assemblies had been my constant companion. Reached home in the afternoon, finding all well, which added to the peace of mind.

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