

and our currency, but lost his subject before finishing. He was followed by Daniel Willets, giving the advantages of the gold standard with decided clearness, and John R. Satterthwaite giving the advantages to be derived from the free coinage of silver. The latter was elaborately prepared, and, though but few of the audience were in sympathy with his views, held the close attention of all. The speakers generally stood by their question, so that party feeling was not stirred. It was thought by many one of the most interesting meetings ever held, but some decidedly and repeatedly criticized the Executive Committee for this programme, feeling it was not a current topic of special interest to Friends, or sufficiently religious in its character.

A special meeting of the Association was held Ninth month 16th, to consider the Swarthmore Conferences.

Carrie S. Bamford, a member of the Executive Committee, has been appointed secretary; and William L. Ambler, an additional member, upon the Committee for the remainder of the year.

Laura H. Satterthwaite,
Chairman Ex. Com.

NEBRASKA HALF YEARLY MEETING.

The meeting of ministers and elders of Nebraska Half Yearly Meeting, met at the Meeting House near Genoa, Seventh-day, 24th 10th mo., at 2 p. m.

For several reasons the meeting was smaller than usual.

The silence was broken by the offering of an earnest prayer, desiring that we might all come into oneness with our Heavenly Father.

The queries were read and considered, interspersed with good advice.

The clerk expressed his gratification with the closeness of feeling which existed between the two Meetings, the answers from each being almost the same.

Lincoln Executive Meeting has no

recorded minister, and heretofore they have reported no ministers amongst them, although they have always had those who spoke in their meetings, but this time it was reported that "those who minister to our spiritual needs are believed to have the right qualification." First-day morning a goodly number gathered, but we missed the company of our Eastern Friends' who nearly always visit us on these semi annual occasions. We were exhorted to endeavor to come into close communion with the Father. That each one enter into the closet of his own heart, and if we have ought against our brother to seek first a reconciliation. If we have the least enmity in our hearts we can never be in unity with the Father. We should weigh well our actions, search closely our own hearts, and act under our Heavenly Father's instruction, stand still if in doubt, and act not unless we feel that God is with us.

We must work as He works, we can do nothing of ourselves. He gives us strength to come up higher and as we obey we realize that the righteousness of Jesus Christ clothes us.

The twelfth semi-annual session of the First-day Association met at 2 p.m. for the opening exercises. The superintendent of the Genoa First day School read the 107th Psalm. The clerk being absent, the opening minute was read by Lizzie Lightner, the assistant, after which prayer was offered. All the delegates responded to their names except two. They reported the names of Catherine Anna Burgess for clerk and Lizzie Lightner for assistant, with which the Conference united. It was reported that two of the delegates appointed to attend our Yearly First-day School Conference were present and that it was full of interest. Encouraging reports were received from Garrison, Genoa, and Lincoln, showing a total average attendance of 61, the latter stating that a First-day School was started 10th mo. 4th, near Bennett, at the house of Samuel