

towards "the States," and an earnest desire for closer bonds in civil matters ; some advocating union, and others separate government with reciprocity ; not one, so far as I heard, being in favor of continuing the present relations with Great Britain." That we have a warm feeling towards "the States" is true, as we think we should have for wards all nations and especially to those at our doors. We hope to have this "warm feeling" reciprocated by our American Friends. That there is an 'earnest desire for closer bonds in civil matters' is true of a very few indeed in Canada. That Canadians wish closer relations in *commercial* matters is, we believe, true of a large majority. The statement that "not one, so far as I heard, being in favor of continuing the present relations with Great Britain" is very misleading, and is likely to leave on the minds of readers very erroneous impressions. If Canada is not in favor of continuing the present relations with Great Britain, it is on account of a desire for *deser* relationship. Our present Premier, Sir John A. Macdonald, the Hon. Edward Blake, late leader of the Liberals in the House of Commons, and the Hon Wilfred Laurier, the present leader, and many others of our most noted public men, are strong advocates of closer relationship with Great Britain, in the shape of Imperial Federation, and in this they are supported by the masses. We believe Canadians are loyal to their native land, and to their mother land ; and we think that Canadian Friends are no exception. Canadian thought is at present reaching out in two directions in civil matters towards Imperial Federation—in *commercial* matters towards unrestricted reciprocity with the United States ; and we hope in time to accomplish both.

All communications are thankfully received from an original thought or report of meeting, to an exhaustive essay. Be loyal to our motto. We ask it in behalf of our Society. Its great need is well-fur-

nished and experienced writers. May we come to realize the full value of our inheritance, and see that it suffer no eclipse in our possession, but receive the further perfecting and added adornments from us that are due to it from each generation.

### A CENTENARIAN.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of "Aunt" Peggy Minard, mother of John Minard, widely known among Friends, was celebrated at his residence in Yarmouth on the 13th of last month, she being 100 years o'd on First-day the 12th. It was estimated that twelve hundred people were present. The beautiful grounds seemed to be all in animation, especially under the trees where the tables were set and heaped with luxuries. Aunt Peggy sat in a chair on the portico, and above her waved banners painted with the suggestive mottoes "1788 1888," "100 years," while she shook hands with five generations of her own children, and conversed on matters that happened, and in which she formed a part, almost a century ago. From the portico speeches were delivered by some of the prominent men present, who rehearsed many of the events that have stirred the world in her life time, but which seem to us almost antiquity. The *St. Thomas Journal* gives the following bit of history in connection: "Aunt Peggy was born near St. Catharines, her maiden name being Honsinger. Her grandfather came from Germany, and settled in Rhode Island. Her father fought for King George in the Revolutionary war at Bunker's Hill. After the war, with other U. E. Loyalists, he received a grant of land in Canada. Her mother heard the guns that ushered in the war of the American revolution at Lexington and Bunker's Hill. Sixty-seven years ago she came to within three miles of where she at present resides, and has lived in the locality ever since. Her husband died 23 years ago at the age of 73 years. Of her six children five are still living."