

# Young - Friends' - Review.

"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

VOL. X.

LONDON, ONT., FOURTH MONTH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 1895.

NO. 8

## THE YOUNG SWEET FACE.

(The following poem, by Bishop Brooks, was found in one of his early note-books in which he jotted down thoughts and memoranda.)

Along the noisy city ways  
And in the rattling city car ;  
On this dreariest of days,  
Perplexed with business fret and jar.

When suddenly a young sweet face  
Looked on my petulance and pain  
And lent it something of its grace  
And charmed it into peace again.

The day was just as bleak without,  
My neighbors just as cold within,  
And truth was just as full of doubt,  
The world was just as full of sin.

But in the light of that young smile  
The world grew pure, the heart grew  
warm,  
And the sunshine gleamed a little while  
Across the darkness of the storm.

I did not care to seek her name,  
I only said : "God bless thy life,  
Thy sweet young grace be still the same,  
Or happy maid or happy wife."

## FRIEND OR QUAKER, WHICH?

"A rose by any other name will smell as sweet." This question has been discussed so much of late that it seems proper that the appropriateness of the respective names should be examined in the light of the meaning and derivation of the terms. The Society of Friends arose in a time of great religious unrest. Professing Christians were looking to the Scriptures as the then only revelation of God to man, and consequently his true guide of life, hence we find Friends carrying their Bibles with them that they might prove to the people that this letter in which they trusted was corroborative of the doctrines which they were called to

promulgate. Is it any wonder that, measured by this standard, they were not improperly called the "Children of Light," in accordance with the declaration of the Apostle "That if we walk in the Light as He (God) is in the Light, we shall become the children of the Light," and that further on they adopted the name of Friends in accordance with the testimony of Jesus ; "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you," and again, "I have called you Friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you." This, also, is in accord with the example of the primitive Christians, as the following quotations show : Paul was granted liberty "to go unto the friends," and "the friends salute thee," "Greet the friends by name." Abraham was called "the friend of God" because he was obedient to the commands given him. Yet measured by the standard of faithfulness and obedience, how few can lay claim to what the name implies in its fullness. The name of Quaker was given in derision by one of the justices when George Fox bade him and those about him to "tremble at the word of the Lord," and I have no doubt that this injunction was often very appropriate, as was witnessed by an officer under Cromwell after the battle of Dunbar, for on riding up to a company near the road, which James Naylor was addressing, he says : "I could not help staying a little although I was afraid, for I was made a Quaker, being forced to tremble at the sight of myself. I was struck with more terror by the preaching of James Naylor, than I was at battle of Dunbar, when we had nothing to expect but to fall a prey to the swords of our enemies, without being able to help ourselves." The term