

School Association met. The exercises consisted in reading epistles from Baltimore and Illinois Associations, and in the presentation of an excellent programme in the way of readings, recitations and essays, with timely comments and encouraging expressions from many present. S. P. Z.

(To be continued.)

For the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

THE LATE YEARLY MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA.

The sessions of our late Yearly Meeting—taking them all into the account—were probably the most trying that our older members have ever attended. *Excessive wordiness and lack of weight* were the conditions that were so painful to the silent burden bearers.

The subject that occasioned so much uneasiness, and so great a flood of expression, was the report of the committee on a "General Revision of the Discipline." This report had been anticipated by submitting to our members—through informal Conferences—the proposed "Revision." The changes were so numerous, and so important, that much time and careful study were required in order to get a proper understanding of them. To hear them explained, as they were by members of the committee both in the Conferences and in the Yearly Meeting, did not afford the opportunity for comparing the new with the old, for studying the two together, and for that mature deliberation which is so essential in matters of grave importance. Many of those opposed to the changes are persons of advanced age, and scarcely able to follow a speaker who is giving a lengthy verbal explanation in a large assembly. One Friend—an elder, and a faithful supporter of his home Meeting—who is in feeble health, and past four score years of age, made an attempt in the Yearly Meeting to express his dissent from the report, but he failed to get the opportunity. Another elder, not so aged, but also highly es-

teemed, sat through the whole meeting as a silent burden-bearer, and no doubt much pained by the flood of expression. He is one that is well known as a *conservative* Friend. An aged minister, just before the final decision, made an earnest appeal to have the matter postponed for one year, but his entreaty was disregarded. The open opposition to the revision came mostly from middle-aged and young men. The number of these was not large, but their expressions were clear, concise and forcible. It was at the end of a session, and that the next to the last one, that the report was adopted. The assembly was wearied, and not in a condition to get down into a feeling state.

It was a trying week for the Clerk, and arduous as his duties were, he discharged them with fidelity to his position, and acquitted himself with marked ability and entire fairness.

These comments on the Meeting apply to the Men's branch. In the Women's Meeting, as I have been informed, there was observed a good degree of decorum, and the opposition, which was quite decided, though not very large numerically, had an opportunity for expression, and a good feeling was maintained. The New Discipline is to go into effect on the 1st of Tenth month, 1894. H. *

Philadelphia, Pa., 5th mo. 29th, '94.

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NEBRASKA FIRST-DAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Nebraska First-day School Conference met at Lincoln, First-day at 3 o'clock p. m., 4th mo. 29th, 1894. The meeting opened by responsive reading on Temperance and Purity, led by Mary M. Coffin, Superintendent of Lincoln First-day School.

The Meeting united in the names of Nellie E. Lownes for Clerk, and Nettie Shotwell for Assistant.

The minutes of last Conference, held near Genoa in tenth month last, were then read.