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Year after year has rolled by and still the REVIEW feels itself yet in the stage of probation. We had hoped long before this that its existence might be more firmly established. We have striven, we have spent patience and time, we have longed that it might be. Often we have wavered between hope and discouragement, between pressing forward and giving up. But the hope has each time been rekindled, and encouragement has come from visible and invisible sources, and we have been persuaded to press on. One great cause for such slow progress in the REVIEW we looked upon with great indulgence and even compassion: that was the stringency of the times. The necessities of existence we felt with pity was one great cause that many homes in our Society had no Society

paper; we would like to have sent it there free could we have done so. We rejoice, therefore, in the seeming return of "good times," that moderate luxuries may be added to homes where the past depression ruled them out, and we trust a Friends' paper will be among the foremost of these. We thus look with hope and even confidence that the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW will feel the effects of the inflowing tide of "better times." We have evidence sufficient that our subscribers and readers will find in its pages during the coming year articles from the brightest intellects and the ablest writers of our Society in America. We feel assured as a result of these better times, especially if our subscription list is somewhat enlarged, that we can devote more of our own time towards making the REVIEW more efficient. We would like to ask privately every member that is interested in the welfare of our Society, if that interest does not involve a duty in behalf of the REVIEW. Our Society needs each and every help that can be put forth in its behalf. The YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW is not without its influence in this rejuvenating period of our Society.

There are bright intellects and dedicated hearts among its members. There is dearth of Friends literature and Friendly influence in many homes, yea in many entire neighborhoods. Let us disseminate the thoughts of these bright intellects, the influence of these dedicated souls into these destitute homes and neighborhoods. Of those who have the gift of thought and language we ask the added use of the pen, of the rest we ask simply their *subscriptions*. Let each one reflect that in giving his subscription he is not doing it selfishly for himself or family alone, but it enables those who are more unfavorably conditioned, perhaps more isolated from the Friendly centres, to receive and enjoy the best our Society can produce.