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## MEETINGS AT PENDLETON.

We do not consider there is any apology due for the amount of space occupied in this number by the reports of the recent meeting in Indiana. They are among the most important held by members of our Society. It is impossible to estimate their value, or the effect they are having or will have in the near future upon our Religious Organization. We cannot but think that they will be of great benefit. Without some connecting link—some considerable association—between the several Yearly Meetings, each with its own discipline, the tendency would be to drift apart. With such a binding cord

as the meetings of the First-day School General Conference and the Philanthropic Union a greater uniformity, and what is still better, a fuller unity will undoubtedly be the happy result. We are such creatures of our environment that unless we rub against our fellowmen of distant parts we are liable to become narrow-minded, conservative and even bigoted. We see this verified in many places.

Much praise is due our Friends of Pendleton for the effort they put forth to make the meetings successful and to insure the comfort and enjoyment of the visiting Friends. The accommodations were ample on every hand, and the most generous hospitality was meted to all.

Good feeling pervaded the different sessions of the General Conference. "See the Friends; how they love one another," was never more appropriately applied in the past than it might have been during these meetings. The papers presented were carefully prepared, and, without exception, furnished food for thought and points for discussion. The discussions were tempered with charity, and their object was for the furtherance of the cause.

Whether or not the Philanthropic Union has, as yet, done much of a practical nature, its members are reviving a work in our Society which had been well nigh lost sight of, and they are opening up a field of usefulness to our young members which we hope to see well cultivated.

It has among its active workers some of the finest intellects our Society affords, and some who came primarily to attend the Union lent a charm to the proceedings of the General Conference. Their many papers read were indeed able, and may be classed among the best literature of our Society of the present day. And what pleased us most was that we might look far for clearer expositions of the true principles of Quakerism than came from the lips of the most cultured among the visitors at Pendleton.