

oftener by themselves than by others of their age. Now, how would a story like this look in a Friends' paper, mixed in as spice in solid food. Forty years ago I attended midweek meetings. In those days shoes were the common footwear for boys, but brother and I were just then sporting new boots, and went with pants tucked in to show to advantage the legs with red tops and pull straps. Each bench in the old meeting-house had a back rail for a shoulder rest, and from that down to the seat was open, so that the coat tails of those in front dangled around the boots of those behind. An old uncle one day, in the stillness of the meeting hour, reaching back for the pocket of his pigeon-tail, accidentally caught his crooked finger in the pull strap of brother's boot leg, and it was real funny to see him wiggle, and nothing really wicked. Dear friends, our religion should not be all dry, sober and sad seeming. God, through the sunshine, smiles down upon his children, which He created with a power to laugh, a privilege specially bestowed, and needs to be encouraged.

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For the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

### YOUNG FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION.

The Young Friends' Association, of Lincoln, Nebraska, having been postponed a week, was held Sixth Month 3rd, 1894, occupying the time usually spent by the First-day School.

The minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary, Carrie C. Coffin.

J. Russell Cook read a review of XV. Chapter of *Janney's History of Friends*, which includes the years 1660-61, and portrays the sufferings and deaths of Friends at Boston, the release of several Friends from prison, caused by the interference of the English Government; and the public calamities, believed by Cotton Mather and others to have been judgments against the people for their wickedness.

Among these calamities is mentioned witchcraft, by which several innocent lives were lost.

Friends not only increased in Rhode Island, where they were freely tolerated, but in the other colonies, where they were persecuted, they rapidly increased.

James Cudworth, a magistrate of Plymouth, who refused to join in the persecution, wrote, in 1658, that their patience under suffering "hath sometimes been the occasion of gathering more adherents than if they had suffered them openly, to have preached a sermon."

"The first Monthly Meeting instituted in America was at Sandwich, and prior to the year 1660 one was established at Scituate, now known as Pembroke Monthly Meeting. The circumstance of Monthly Meetings having been thus set up in America, before they had been generally established in England, is an interesting feature in the progress of the Society in the new country, and deserving of particular notice."

An interesting paper on "Gaming and Diversions," as treated in our discipline, was read by Rebecca De Peel.

Discussion of the papers followed.

Hamtonetta Burgess was appointed reporter, in place of Allan Cook.

Our Associations seem to be increasing in interest.

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College View.

### AN ESSAY ON GOVERNMENT.

The duty of the Government of any country, especially that of the United States of America, is to see that its inhabitants are satisfactorily situated and, if not, to endeavor to remedy the evil that may be existing in a way that may be satisfactory to the complaining party, which, of course, would not be by military force; this would only exasperate them, but by furnishing them with necessary comforts, food, etc., until