

Late frosts made a light fruit crop, but we have had plenty of early apples and apricots. For two weeks we have been feasting on the finest pears and peaches, different varieties of which will continue until fall. Our shipping crop will be six kinds of grapes, already turning, and fine. We find California fruit delicious, and not tasteless, as many suppose.

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We shall greatly miss our own Illinois Yearly Meeting and the many friends there. If any of your readers know of Friends in California we should be glad to have their addresses. Have written Joel Bean, and hope to hear of other Friends' nearer by.

We always enjoy THE YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, and look for a word of Ruth and Isaac Wilson and Eliza and J. Cornell or others we know. It pleased us to hear Ed. Coale is travelling, and we hope he is coming to California, where we believe the Friendly spirit exists and only needs awakening to be recognized and obeyed.

We are delighted with our location, and can but feel that the hand divine guided us here. May it guide others here who seek health and comfort.

Hoping I have not wearied you I will close with kind regards.

Thy Friend, GRACE ATWOOD.
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