

be forwarded to the above-named persons soon.

We are very thankful to the judges for their ready compliance with our requests, and the pains they took in endeavoring to render a just decision. We knew it would be no easy task to judge between so many excellent essays, but we felt they were equal to the occasion.

We hope that all who engaged in the contest, whether they won prizes or not, will feel themselves well repaid for the effort in the practice and experience it gave them, and the good it may have done to others.

Prizes were also offered for best reports of Yearly Meetings during last year, but as no reports came within the stipulations made with the offer, we do not feel justified in granting any.

The Birmingham *News* (England) made near the end of last year a report of census taken for it of the attendance of the different places of worship and adult schools in that city on the first day of the week. At the fifteen meetings and schools of Friends the aggregate attendances, morning, afternoon and evening, amounted to 9,747; a larger number than those of several of the Nonconformist bodies, though smaller than those of the Church of England, Wesleyans, Congregationalists, Baptists and Roman Catholics. The Birmingham *News* says: "No body has made anything like progress during the last few years that the Society of Friends has done. A great responsibility rests upon its members that this work should be strengthened and consolidated. In the village of Stirchley, which has a population of less than 2000, the total attendance under the care of Friends on one Sunday was 1,300; and at Northfield, the last building erected by Friends, there was an attendance of 198 on the evening of the census. A number of Friends have made considerable effort during the last few years to have all this outside work recognized by the Society. Truly the fields are white al-

ready to harvest, and there seems practically unlimited scope for Friends if they have energy and faith."—*Friends' Review*.

A PUBLIC FRIENDS' MARRIAGE.

WEDDED ACCORDING TO THE QUAKER RITUAL—A PROPITIOUS UNION.

At 1 30 Wednesday afternoon a large company gathered at the Friends' church to witness the marriage of G. Myron Allen and Miss Lemoyne F. Dillingham, both of this village. The marriage was performed according to the simple but impressive ceremony of the Society of Friends, the contracting parties repeating before God and the assembled witnesses the most binding of marriage vows. The certificate, which was printed on parchment according to the ancient practice of Friends, was read by Robert S. Haviland, a minister highly esteemed and revered not only by his own Society, but by all who know him. It was afterwards signed by witnesses. Mr. Haviland addressed the company and spoke beautifully to the newly married pair. The meeting was closed by a prayer from the same minister. The bride's dress was a beautiful pearl gray silk. After the ceremony the company repaired to the home of the bride's father, Henry Dillingham, where bountiful refreshments were served. The young couple, who have taken each other as companions for life, have, as far as human eye can foresee, a very happy future in store for them. Mr. Allen is an exceptionally fine young man, as all who know him will testify, and Mrs. Allen has a host of friends who bear witness not only to her fine musical talent and cultivated mind, but to the goodness of heart and loveliness of character, which are the fruits only of true, practical religion. May the many good wishes of their friends be fulfilled. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts.—*From the Granville Sentinel*.