

any who may wish to meet with us, and all such are heartily welcome.

This being the last Executive Meeting, before the Half Yearly Meeting, we found much to claim our time and attention. As the queries and answers were read, time was given for any who wished to speak to the subject on hand, to do so. We have a way, which they say is quite Western, of making our business meetings quite informal. Some of our older members, no doubt, think them not quite business-like, and that there is too much freedom of speech, but I wonder if you can find, anywhere else, a meeting of its size, that can call out as large a number, especially of wide awake young people, to take part in the work. And, although, our last meeting was long, it was very interesting, and we hope profitable. After the usual routine of business was over the subject of our Half-Yearly Meeting was taken up, representatives and various Committees appointed. As we feel desirous to have all with us who can possibly attend, we appointed a Committee to send invitations to isolated Friends. Our meetings, hitherto, have been well attended and very satisfactory.

They have taken the place of the Yearly Meeting to many who are too far away to enjoy that gathering. We desire, through the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, to extend a hearty invitation to all to be with us in Fourth month next. Further notice will be given later.

It was with feelings of gratitude we concluded our Executive Meeting, for we felt that it had been conducted in a spirit of love and harmony.

It is our sincere desire to keep out every root of bitterness, knowing that when trouble and discord once enter, it is so hard to eradicate them, and the only way we can hope to maintain this harmony, when so much diversity of opinion exists, is to be willing to bear, and forbear, remembering the words of Jesus: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another. As I have loved you, that ye love one another."

F. C. L.

EASTER GREETINGS.

"CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!"

O joyful words, if truly known
The arisen Christ within,
They tell of life, His kingdom come,
And overthrow of sin.

Ye joyous souls, the greeting hear,
Pass it on, if now ye may,
That Light Divine shines bright and clear
To illumine all hearts to-day.

MARGARET FELLOWS, England.

TEMPERANCE.

Read at a meeting of Purchase Quarterly Meeting's
Philanthropic Association, 1st mo. 31st., 1894.

It has been on my mind for a long while to call the attention of Friends to a phase of the temperance question which has always been ignored at our meetings.

It is frequently remarked, and justly so, too, that our temperance meetings of late years are not as interesting or profitable as they were formerly, and so very naturally, they have not been so well attended. It is maintained that ours is a temperance society, and that the temperance meetings we hold do not get the ear of those who need them. At our earlier temperance meetings there were those who objected strongly to our protest against the use of cider as a beverage. Now they have come up to the higher standard, and there seems to be no difference of opinion on this point. But let me remind you, Friends, those were lively meetings and they bear witness to the fact that you can not have a lively meeting without there is something new said or done,—something which all present do not already know or agree to.

And so, without further preface, I propose to trace very briefly our individual responsibility for the evils of intemperance.

We are often advised to be individually faithful to keep it clean before our own doorways. That is good,—but what does it mean as applied to the present question? It may mean anything or nothing, according to the view, or lack of view, of the individual.