

REPORT FROM TRENTON FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editors of YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

The third annual meeting of the Trenton Friends' Association was held 12th mo. 23, 1895, with the President, Daniel R. Willets, in the chair. Since the organization of the Association, 12th mo. 12th, 1892, neither President nor Secretary have been absent from any meeting, thus evincing their untiring interest in the work.

After confirmation of officers for the ensuing year, the retiring President made a brief but excellent address, encouraging us by stating that the Association had greatly benefited him, and he could feel and express nothing but the strongest hope for its future success. Appreciation of the faithful labors of the retiring officers was feelingly expressed by Dr. L. H. Satterthwaite, with which a silent sympathy existed among the members, as is too often the case, but little expression was given upon the subject. By request (he not being a member of the Association) a paper was read by Linton Satterthwaite—subject, "What are the best means of regulating the liquor traffic?" It urged, "First, place as much restriction around the sale of liquor as may be thought advisable, or as will be sustained by local sentiment; then throw open the business within the limits of those restrictions to every citizen without any favoritism, thus abolishing license courts, excise boards and the entire license system."

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"With a scheme so framed as to remove the saloon, as such, from politics, next place a tax analogous to the United States internal revenue liquor tax on the business of liquor selling so high that the number of saloons will be kept down to within reasonable limits."

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"Let every man who shall intend opening a drinking place where none shall exist, be compelled publicly to

advertise such intention for a given time, or better still, to serve a written notice, say one month, in advance of his proposed opening, on every owner of real estate, or his agent in charge of same, or on the president or secretary of every corporate body or association owning real estate, within a certain distance upon the same street in which it is proposed to establish a drinking place."

A paper on "Thomas Elwood" was now read by George Hudson. Many present, not being familiar with his prominence in the support of and suffering for the principles so bravely defended by our early fathers, were interested in descriptions given of his abuses and imprisonments *borne rather than disobey* the feeling regarding "hat" and "bended knee" honor to those the world called his superiors. The fact of his wearing his hat at the table while eating was not generally sympathized with by the Meeting, as it seemed like stubbornness. It was suggested that perhaps if those early Friends had lain less stress upon the non essentials, and more upon the great underlying changeless truths upon which our Society is builded, they would have gained the respect, and not the anger of their parents. A youthful member asserted that we to-day, too, would suffer rather than give up our faith. A member of another religious denomination reminded us that, "although extreme, a principle underlies it."

The last paper of the evening, by William H. Tomlinson, entitled "To what extent, with propriety, can Young Friends join clubs and indulge in the popular amusements of the day?" was now read. As the hour was late justice could not be given it in way of discussion. It was one of those skillfully written and exceptional papers that both conservative and progressive sides could claim in support of their own views, and closed with the following: "I have touched on but a few of the popular amusements of the day, but it would seem that almost all might be of