

age in which we live says, "Up and be doing"; doing something to show that we have a mind, a heart and a soul. We are never called to do more than lies in our power, and I believe it to be a truth, that difficulties will vanish if we stand to our place and do what is given us to do. L. T.

Bloomfield, 11th mo. 29th, 1895.

Upwards of half a million of the native women of India were relieved last year by the medical staff and appliances of the Lady Dufferin Fund. The number has gone on increasing annually at a rapid rate. It is nearly ten years since, in obedience to the charge laid upon her by the Queen-Empress, the Governor-General's wife formed the fund which bears her name. It has in that time employed seventy-three lady doctors of various degrees of qualifications, has established fifty-seven hospitals and dispensaries in various parts of India, and has trained 262 women in the several medical schools and colleges there.—*Presbyterian Review*.

IN LOWER MERION MEETING-HOUSE.

The New Woman.

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Upon these 'our old, sober, Friendly walls
A reverent hush and solemn silence falls,
And through the narrow windows shimmering down

The sunlight shines on gray, and drab and brown.

Outside the rustled music of the leaves,
The flutter of bird wings, the hum of bees;
Inside a quiet broken by a breath,

A holy silence, still and calm as death;
Then from the shadowy mist of centuries
A band of women, strong like unto these,
Comes forth, as straight of gown, as meek
of brow,

And pure and sweet of speech in "thee"
and "thou;"

With courage brave and warm, and fierce
and bold—

Yet modest, too, these "women new" of
old—

"New women," who have preached in
gentle way

The vigorous truths we would proclaim to-
day.

Those who have spoken loud 'gainst
wrongs, for right,
Whose "voice in meeting" held grave
power and might;
They who have dared to think, and say,
and do,

Whate'er the "Spirit" prompted, good
and true;

She unto whom the sinner or the slave
Might safely come for succor or to save;
All these are here, in spirit and in truth.
The selfsame "voice" is heard in tones of
youth,

And through the centuries this quiet power
Of woman speech comes down unto this
hour;

The Quaker spirit, yea the woman true,
Descended from the old unto the "new."
AUGUSTA DE BUBNA.

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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE AND ITS ADVANTAGES TO THE SOCIETY.

Prepared by Laura H. Satterthwaite, for Trenton
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One of the great advantages the Society of Friends will derive from Swarthmore College will be in her graduates going forth among our members with a clear understanding of Friends' principles and prevent losing time now spent in attempting to discover something complex about the most easily understood religion in the world. The principles here are recognized, and the question is not, do you understand Friends' principles, but do you live them? Not, do you believe in the atonement, but do you believe in the teachings of Jesus? And you are taught you must live the life of Him to be saved, and not merely accept Him. When one can answer these practical questions in the affirmative and promise obedience to the inner light as it shines within them—'tis true, they are permitted to adopt or reject the doctrinal points. The students have drilled in them the simple faith which can never be robbed of its sweet simplicity, when we stand by truth and realize not their words but lives must speak their creed. Thus this institution will disseminate her So-