

Mr. Wilson, McKinley don't place any duty on the Gospel; that is free." Thus, as I discover the growing acquaintance and increasing interest between Friends from all parts of society, I feel that the much discussion of the political aspect between our Governments with the great question of protection and kindred matters must still be only of secondary moment. This being so with myself, at least, causes me to feel grateful that in this most important duty of life we are practically annexed, and the growing tendency is to advance the interest of humanity. But I must not lose my subject, viz., the REVIEW, just now, and little as I feel that I can add to its interest or value, the promptings of my heart lead to the expression of some thoughts in relation to it, and then to some other matters.

It is certainly gratifying to know that our publishing editors feel sufficiently encouraged in the good work, so faithfully and creditably performed, thus far, as now to attempt the additional labor of a semi-monthly paper. I only hope that all members will assume an individual responsibility and by that liberal patronage that I think it richly deserves, make it a pleasure rather than a burden to the editors and also to feel that they have the co-operation of Friends. While I am well aware that there is much to contend with, both by the publishers and readers, in the great abundance of cheap literature of the day (much of which is worse than a waste of time to read) and larger and wealthier bodies publish much in the form of religious papers, against which I do not object, but I do feel that a sufficient interest in our own Society, (if we prize it enough to call it ours,) should prompt us to support our own publications, especially such valuable ones as we have to-day, even if we should discontinue some political or perhaps other conventional paper, or curtail slightly in some luxury that might not be of that lasting benefit to us or our children as if spent in this

way. Yet I must not dictate another's actions, but only hope they may be right and helpful.

Neither time nor space will permit me to say much that I feel in reference to the late Parliament of Religions at Chicago, and our Denominational Congress, that to me was of so much interest. I am informed that the proceedings of the latter are now about ready for distribution, and all can read them. I now come to the question of the greatest moment with me, and that is, how can we best pass the influence for good down or out to our membership in all our various localities, and awaken a greater interest in promulgating our principles and answering the many minds inquiring after truth, but who are not satisfied with answers given from the general orthodoxy of the day. Perhaps I may be allowed to refer to some expressions not infrequently made by strangers in my hearing or which come to me after having heard of our faith, viz., "That is common sense. I can understand that," or, "I never heard it in that way before," and again, "I wish you would remain here longer with us," etc., in many cases from members of other denominations. While I hesitate to speak of it thus on paper, I only wish to say that it often results in a near sympathy and perhaps an acquaintance with lives in whom we find much of interest and enjoyment, and a hungering for just such food as our simple faith affords them.

It is true we have our F. D. S. Conference and Philanthropic Union that are national organizations so far as our Society is concerned, but the subject of a national congress as presented and discussed in one of the sessions at Chicago claims my attention. While I presume a competent committee has the matter in charge, relative to the approaching Conference next summer, this may seem premature, yet I feel best to make a suggestion that has been with me for sometime. Remembering as we do, the overcrowded ses-