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Our readers will be pleased to know that our mutual friend Lydia J. Mosher, after a severe illness of five months, is again around and well. The absence of her bright and entertaining articles in the REVIEW has been much felt, and we trust her pen may be again resumed for our intellectual profit and pleasure. The charming story of "Martes, the Persian Boy," comes fresh and inspiring to our minds, and we long for more such.

We have received reports from the three we asked to judge the essays written on the subjects for which prizes were offered by the REVIEW last year. Some of the comments that accompanied the decisions of judg-

ment might be interesting to our readers and encouraging to those who sent articles. "The essays," says one, "all contain excellent thought, and the writers without exception may be congratulated upon their efforts. The decision is rendered the more difficult owing to the variety of subjects. I would suggest in future competitions that a prize for each subject be offered. The object in having a number of subjects I can well understand. To decide upon the comparative merit of articles upon the one subject is a different matter entirely to deciding upon the best of those on several subjects. I cannot say that I am entirely satisfied with the method of treatment in many of the best articles, even; for instance, in 'The greatest boon that Quakerism has given the world.' Now, some of the best written articles devote much space to every form of good that has at any time characterized the Society, and very little to the one the 'greatest boon.' A few have dismissed the subject with little more than assertion instead of discussion, while others have led up to the point with precision and skill. After giving the decision the writer goes on to say: "The value of these contests are evident; and no inconsiderable credit is due the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW for encouraging this form of healthful rivalry. It is to be hoped that the pages will still be open for contestants whether prizes are given or not, and that subjects will be assigned by the Editor with limits as to style, etc., for young writers."

We find that the prizes are awarded as follows: 1st, to Walter S. Way, whose subject was, "The greatest boon that Quakerism has given to the world;" 2nd, to Lemoyne Dillingham; subject, "Science and Religion," and 2nd, also, to Charlotte Carson Talcott, on "The Present Tendency of Orthodoxy;" and 3rd, to Julia M. Dutton; subject, "The greatest boon that Quakerism has given to the world." The respective awards will