

Young Friends' Review.

"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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FORWARD.

LET me stand still upon the hight of life ;
Much has been won, though much there is
to win ;

I am a little weary of the strife.

Let me stand still awhile, nor count it sin
To cool my hot brow, ease the travel pain,
And then address me to the road again.

Long was the way and steep and hard the
climb ;

Sore are my limbs and fain I am to rest ;
Behind me lie long sandy tracks of time ;
Before me rises the steep mountain crest.
Let me stand still ; the journey is half done,
And when less weary I will travel on.

There is no standing still ! Even as I pause
The steep path shifts and I slip back apace ;
Movement was safety ; by the journey-laws
No help is given, no safe abiding place,
No idling in the pathway hard and slow ;
I must go forward, or must backward go !

I will go up then, though the limbs may tire,
And though the path be doubtful and un-
seen ;

Better with the last effort to expire
Than lose the toil and struggle that have
been,

And have the morning strength, the upward
strain,
The distance conquered, in the end made vain.

Ah, blessed law ! for rest is tempting sweet,
And we would all lie down if so we might ;
And few would struggle on with bleeding feet,
And few would ever gain the higher hight
Except for the stern law which bids us know
We must go forward, or must backward go.

Susan Coolidge, in THE INDEPENDENT.

INTRODUCTION.

DEAR FRIENDS:—We have undertaken, in publishing this Journal, a work in many respects alike new to our readers and to ourselves; and it is not without a deep sense of the responsibility and the difficulties involved in the task, that we enter upon it. So much is there of judgment and discretion required in the conduct of even so small a publication as this is, that at the outset we humbly ask Christian forbearance to be extended with a liberal hand. Though difficulties of many kinds are in the way, yet after careful consideration, with the good of our Society and its membership, and the advancement of the great principles of truth, in view, we are constrained to enter upon this field of labor.

Apart from the goodwill, sympathy and harmony, we think it calculated to promote among all our Friends; apart from its tendency to intensify our regard for the Society, and to maintain our identity, it will serve the worthy purpose, perhaps, of increasing our respect for literature, of extending our range of thought, and of cultivating our powers of expression. Such a culture should add force, influence, effect to our Society and the cause of truth, should tend to the self-respect and dignity which graced the shrines of worshippers in the halcyon days of Penn.

It shall advocate the application to the needs of the present of the living principles of a church whose name comes down to us enwreathed with those choicest legacies of our fathers, Religious Liberty, Emancipation, and Reform.

We do not claim that our publication will accomplish this desirable condition of things; but we trust and are in a measure assured from what we have already learned of the interest being taken in this enterprise, that there is a