

Conference of Friends' Associations in Philadelphia in 1st mo., was read by Edw. B. Rawson. To show another side of the subject, Elizabeth Hallock read selections from "A Creedless Gospel," by Satterlee. An interesting discussion followed.

After a short silence the meeting adjourned. B.

MEDIA FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of Media, Pa., Friends' Association was held on the evening of 5th mo. 3rd, 1895. After the transaction of some minor business the following programme was accepted by the meeting: Paper, entitled "Elizabeth Fry," by Alice R. Williams; reading, "Why I am a Friend," by Joseph B. Leedom; paper, "Extracts from Le Conte's Evolution, and its Relation to Religious Thought," Grace Anna Lewis. Lewis Lewis presented the Association with a number of books which bear the names of the early writers among Friends. Among them is the "Christian Quaker," by William Penn and Geo. Whitehead, printed 1668. H.

BOOK REVIEW.

THE STANDARD DICTIONARY.—Since the completion, two months ago, of the second volume of this great work, we have examined its contents with much pleasure and satisfaction. No Dictionary of the language now published, we believe, is so well adapted to meet the needs of the English-speaking people generally, as this STANDARD DICTIONARY.

No less than 247 specialists and other editors have been engaged upon this work, and five years have been devoted to its completion, it having cost nearly \$1,000,000 before a completed copy was ready for the market. It is the joint product of many minds, thoroughly equipped in the schools of science, literature, and art.

It contains 2338 pages; 5000 illustrations made expressly for the work; 301,865 words, which is about 75,000 more than any other dictionary of the language.

We mention the following features of this dictionary, which characterize it as a standard work and which make it valuable even among scholars where "The Century" and Dr. Murray's great work may find a place, but which we believe will make it an indispensable reference for many years to come in all homes where " Worcester " and " Webster " formerly found a place:

1. The fullness of the vocabulary.
 2. The arrangement of the meaning—the preference being given to the "order of usage" over the "historical order," thus meeting the wants more readily of the multitude of busy people.
 3. The care and accuracy attained in the pronunciation.
 4. The adoption of the advancing reform and simplification in spelling.
- Spelling, pronunciation and definition, being the primary objects for which nine persons out of ten consult a dictionary, nine times out of ten "the Standard" in these respects will be found about as accurate as modern ingenuity can make it.

5. The valuable quotations used to illustrate the meanings of words.

With these are given the name of the author and the title of the work the volume, chapter and page, as well as the name of the publisher and date of publication.

6. The excellent method employed in the treatment of synonyms and autonyms, also of compound words and prepositions following words.

7. By the system of grouping applied to the names of fruits, flowers, measures and weights.

8. The illustrations and colored plates, which are abundant and excellent.

9. Its valuable appendix, covering over 200 pages.

We think the Standard Dictionary fully justifies the many encomiums passed upon it and the hearty recep-