

into Denmark in 1875, and that the Yearly Meeting was established in 1879. It now numbers sixty-five members, including children.

Among Current Topics in Elizabeth A. Hallock's report, were the Governor's signing of the "Hubbard Bill," providing for the labor of prisoners, which is of much interest to students of prison reform. The Third Biennial Session of the Women's Association Clubs, soon to be held in Louisville, when many eminent women are to be present. The Convention of the Prohibition Party to take place in Pittsburgh, and the division likely to occur which will tend to weaken the organization. The Cuban war and the famine resulting therefrom, also the Cuban-American Fair, now being so successfully held in this city, and the coronation of the Czar, which has cost such vast sums of money; money spent for such a purpose being opposed to Friends' testimony in favor of simplicity.

Marianna S. Rawson read an extremely interesting paper, entitled, "The Organization Needed for the Spread of our Principles." The writer said that it is the duty of each member to help perfect the organization, that it may be ready for others. Now, more than ever, does the outside world seem ready for Friendly doctrine. Friends' mission cannot be ended as long as temperance work is to be done; as long as creeds are to be overthrown; as long as the educational problem shall not have been solved; until simplicity of living obtains.

In the general discussions following the sentiment of the paper was heartily endorsed. C. S.

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The Young Friends' Association, of Plainfield, was organized 10th mo. 16th, 1895, since which seven regular meetings have been held. Seven names have been added to the twelve with which the Association started.

As we were few in number we thought best to confine ourselves to one of the three subjects usually considered by the Friends' Associations, that is history. We have reviewed a portion of Janney's History of Friends, from which we learned of the rise of the Society, and its progress through several years of its most rugged experience. While we cannot cease to be thankful that it has not been our lot to endure those soul-trying persecutions, can we not realize that such experience developed in those early advocates of Quakerism, the earnest consecrated characters that were needed to spread abroad throughout the world these beautiful principles of Light and Love, of Purity and Peace, which we at the present day are seeking to uphold. Shall we not emulate those noble lives? Though we may not be required to suffer imprisonment and persecution even unto death for Truth's sake, let us be willing to prove ourselves "Children of the Light" by following humbly wherever that Light may lead us. Though we may not be required to leave home and loved ones for conscience sake, let us be willing, for the sake of our beloved principles, to leave those habits, those customs, those diversions, which, if examined carefully by that Light Divine which each has in his breast, we will find do not tend to further the cause of Truth and Righteousness, of Purity and Peace.

When the question is asked—what good has the Association done? Let us hope that this study of the rise and growth of our Society shall have awakened in us a better understanding of its principles and greater zeal for their perpetuation.

Aside from this we feel that we have gained much by social intercourse in a good cause, when our best thoughts have been stirred by the subjects presented, and we have gained a freedom of speech in expressing those thoughts.

Excellent papers have been presented during the year (prepared mostly by