

light and power that will be necessary to bring before the world in the near future, our glorious principles in a garb befitting their glory. The Society has not been faithful to its high and holy principles, faithful, not in a sense of not violating them, but in a sense of not honoring them as they deserve. Especially is this seen in the dearth of writers since that luminous galaxy in its rise and spread. Look all down the years and what names do we find to compare with Fox and Barclay, Ellwood, Penn and Pennington? Is there even any that we name with these except our Whittier and Janney, and permit me to add one other, "S. R." These few to represent two centuries of American life, and these too when the foundation of a nation was laying, the very best time to leaven it with divine principles.

I do not mean to say that these principles have not been working. Nor that the Society has not had an influence, and a mighty influence too, in raising the nation's character, morally and religiously and religion in every department. The silent pens of the early fathers the mute lessons of martyred heroes the examples of zealous, upright, devoted, quiet lives, all these have exerted a powerful influence for good in the national life. Nor do I forget our ministers. They are faithfully performing their part. I could name as many from our own Genesee Yearly Meeting now living worthy of companionship with George Fox and his illustrious associates as I did of writers above from all America for the two centuries. Is there not established among Friends, though we so loudly disclaim against it, a sort of priesthood when we think that only ministers are inspired to bring the gospel of truth to mankind?

I now change my address to an appeal, and I appeal to *all* who have written for the REVIEW. Do we not see by the light of these things what the Society demands of the REVIEW, and what the REVIEW demands of us, that the REVIEW may make our pens more ready and more powerful to

advocate the principles that the Society claim as truth before the world. And above all may our pens be golden tipped with God's inspiration. For in Him alone is all power and light and truth.

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Our special offer to isolated Friends in the West carries the REVIEW to about seventy families, scattered over 11 States and Territories, and to Manitoba and British Columbia. We hope its circulation there will have a tendency to strengthen the cords which bind them to the East and to each other. We will be pleased to receive items of interest, for publication, from our distant Friends. From a private letter from Garrison, Neb., dated 2nd mo. 24th, we take the liberty to glean the following: "We have had a pleasant winter and good health; things move along smoothly; the cousins here are all well. We are trying to hold Friends' meeting, but are very weak indeed. This is the third week that we have had them regularly. Have kept up a small Bible class for some time. That seems easier and is very interesting. Those at Lincoln to Executive meeting had such a good meeting. Are expecting some of the Genoa Friends in Garrison before another monthly meeting. We live between the two meetings; feel very near to Genoa.' These small beginnings may, in the near future, lead to the establishment of another yearly meeting. We have no doubt that by thus meeting, though in weakness, our Friends will often have seasons of refreshment, and be strengthened from the source of all strength.

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Many of our First-day schools which have been closed during the winter re-open this month. The work seems to be taken up again this spring with renewed life and hope. Knowing by years of experience the great benefit to be derived from such work, we cannot urge too strongly the desirability of