

at mere unbelief. We require a great deal to convince us of this sin, but when a clear sight of the sinfulness of neglecting "the great salvation" comes home to the soul, no discovery of evil is more humbling or melting. The Light that reveals the baseness of ingratitude comes pouring down from the face of Jesus upon the face of the sinner, and, like Saul of Tarsus, he is moved to exclaim: "Lord! what wouldst thou have me to do?"

Dear friend, mayst thou and I, and all the Young Friends connected with your magazine, bow at the feet of the lowly Jesus, asking Him the same question, that by Him we may be guided and blessed in all our work and word. May we never forget, we who make a high profession of being led by the Holy Spirit, that it is His special mission to draw men unto Christ Jesus, whose Spirit alone is the comforter, sanctifier and justifier of all who believe on Him:

Thy friend sincerely,

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The Friends of Plainfield, N. J. have formed an association known as the "Friend's Temperance and Literary Association," whose object is to advance the religious and social interests of Friends; to endeavor by all prudent methods, and well founded zeal to help onward to success the great and saving cause of Temperance; and to cultivate a taste for, and promote the growth of both useful and entertaining knowledge."

The meetings are held every two weeks, and old and young join in making them profitable and interesting. Each alternate meeting is devoted entirely to temperance, while the intervening meetings are given to the study of a poet or other prominent character, or to some other subject proposed by the executive committee.

At the close of the exercises the roll call is responded to with quotations or sentiments appropriate to the subject just considered. In the afternoon of the first First-day in each month a public temperance meeting is held at the meeting house, which the committee endeavors to make profitable to all who attend, both our of own Society and others.

The association is still in its youth, we may say babyhood, and we hope as it increases in age it will also increase in numbers, interest and ability.

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COMPULSORY EDUCATION OR A PLEA FOR HUMANITY.

It is a fact too well known to need verifying, that in every city, large or small, there is a class of persons who are not self-supporting. And it is a fact equally true and equally well known that their ranks are being constantly recruited from the children of pauper parents. While there are some belonging to this class who have received an education and who are dependent upon Charity because of indolence and bad management, and from choice, they are in the minority, they are the exception and not the rule. By far the largest number are paupers because they were brought up to that and nothing else. They have had no opportunity to learn how to do anything well, but to steal or beg.

What is the remedy for this? Undoubtedly, *education*.

And who owes them this education? The State. And she not only owes the education to *them*, but she owes it to *herself* and to her *citizens* to see that they *do get an education*.

Why do we hesitate? Is it because of the cost? Let us consider a moment. These people must be cared for, and every year, as cold weather approaches, comes the agonizing cry, "Help, help, or we perish." Does it go unheeded?