

While we have looked upon the REVIEW as a happy medium of hearing from Friends in different localities, we in Yarmouth have been very diffident in forwarding any news concerning ourselves. We, perhaps, with others, may think nothing transpires in our midst worthy of recording, yet I believe by adding our mite to the news the REVIEW often contains it might awaken a feeling of affection for us in the hearts of our distant Friends. In my young days we had a large meeting of both old and young Friends, but by the passing away of the older ones and the removal to the West of many of the younger, we have become quite a small gathering, occupying both sides of a large house.

I have read with interest the discussion "How we can best retain our young members," and though I have united with some of the sentiments I fail to see any remedy suggested that will fully meet the want. I will add a few thoughts of my own that we need more zeal and activity. I do not believe any religious society was strengthened by sitting down with folded hands, having a fear of going ahead of the Master, or moving in a different path from that some one might approve of. If the founders of our Society had held to the doctrines and traditions of their forefathers where would the Society now be? They were faithful in their day: shall we not be in ours? doing willingly the duties made known to us.

During the past week we were favored with the company of Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield. He attended our First-day meeting, and was at the Methodist Church, Sparta, in the evening, they kindly giving up their service to him and their minister seated by his side. At both places we felt it was good for us to be there. On Second-day evening he, with Serena Minard, held a meeting in the Methodist house, Union, where several Friends families, or part of families, reside. Third-day evening a parlor meeting at Samuel Haight's; the intervals filled with social visiting.

At one house several families were invited in to share the good words he was favored to speak to us.

On Fourth-day our Monthly Meeting, Friends from Lobo and Arkona attending. We felt we had a favored meeting. May we not forget those refreshing seasons.

REBECCA SCHOOLEY.

Sparta, 3rd mo., 17th.

FRIENDLY NOTES.

Pickering Executive Meeting, held four times a year, has been found sufficient to meet the requirements of the business of the Society.

We look forward to those meetings as one would to the society of a beloved friend whose company was not so often enjoyed as formerly, but with greater expectations of love and joy in mingling with loved ones. Had not so many of the meetings been dropped it probably would have been better for the meetings in maintaining love and fellowship in our borders.

It is beyond expectation that some of our older Friends are so persevering in their labors in the First-day School. May they receive their reward. Could the younger members follow their example, how thankful concerned Friends would be to the author of their being. There has been some reason for encouragement of late in manifested interest.

If the correspondents of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW would consider the subject of "Why does grown-up boys or young men absent themselves from the First-day School and Sabbath Schools in general?" they probably would solve a difficult problem.

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We do ourselves wrong and too meanly estimate the Holiness above us when we deem that any act or enjoyment good in itself is not good to do religiously.—[Hawthorne.]