

Eugene P. Billin, stated that the Discipline Section had been reviewing the discipline of the London Yearly Meeting. The "silence" is to be considered but a means to an end. Friends are advised to be punctual in their attendance at meeting, as well as regular, and, as far as possible to keep to their own meeting. Family worship and a close watch over the spiritual welfare of their children are recommended to parents.

Among Current Topics, in the report given by John H. Andrews, were mentioned the general brightening of European affairs, the friendly tone of the English press in regard to the international dispute, the recall of General Campos, and the probable complications arising thereby, the serious illness of Maximo Gomez, the recent celebration in Germany, the departure of Miss Barton of the Red Cross Order for Turkey, the grounding of the American Liner, St. Paul, off Long Branch, and the action of the Brooklyn churches in relation to the enforcement of the excise laws.

The very interesting paper of the evening, was read by Edward D. Hutchinson. Its title "Patriotism," was defined by the writer, as not simply a love for one's country, but a love which will lead one to work for the best interests of that country. He said a patriot is not a warrior. Military drill in the public schools is deplored by Friends because it fosters a false patriotism.

The discussion which followed showed the sentiment of the meeting to be in favor of a patriotism evinced by good citizenship, and a broad feeling of charity towards all other nations.

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The customary Semi-Monthly Meeting of the Young Friends' Association was held in the Brooklyn Meeting-house on the evening of 2nd mo. 9th, with an attendance of about eighty five.

For the History Section, Leah H. Miller spoke of their review of a chap-

ter of "Bryant's History," giving an account of William Penn in his founding the colony of Pennsylvania, stating that in addition to his cancelling the indebtedness due his father, he was to give the Crown one-fifth of all the gold found, and pay annually two beaver skins, and that Penn's name was bestowed on the colony, despite his opposition and preference for the name of New Wales.

Ella B. McDowell, of the Literature Section, read the poem entitled, "Deborah, the Quaker Preacher," and also read a long and very interesting letter from an English Friend, to John J. Cornell, speaking of the great satisfaction derived from their recent Conference at Manchester, and expressing kindly words for those favoring liberal views and of adapting ourselves to some of the modern ideas in conducting affairs of the Society.

The report of the Discipline Section was given by Amy J. Miller. In the continuation of their review of the London Discipline, reference was made to the sympathy expressed for the young, particularly those obliged to encounter the trials of the commercial traveller's life. There was also advice to obey the laws, when consistent to do so, and for care to be exercised in accepting the duties of public office.

In behalf of the Current Topics Section, Alex. H. McDowell said that there was some satisfaction in knowing that the British Government would allow Anglo-Saxon civilization in South Africa to proceed under the great English Chartered Company, only that its officers were admonished as to justice in their management. Allusion was made to this being Chinese New Year's Day, commencing their calendar year 7249, and also to the success of Clara Barton in obtaining the Sultan's permission to personally distribute Armenian relief funds.

The paper of the evening, read by Marianna S. Rawson, had for its subject, "Christianity and Buddhism, and gave much interesting information for