

When it was suggested that an organization to be formed for the systematic study by all of what each one desired to have a knowledge of, and through such combined effort allow each to profit by the labor and research of all the rest; and also as opportunity might be afforded, promote a like knowledge among those even outside of our membership—when this was suggested, the proposition was promptly approved, and has since met the cordial approval and support of other Friends. Meetings for the drafting of Constitution and By-Laws were held; that instrument was completed and adopted, and the new organization, under the name of the "Young Friends' Association," is about ready to begin active operations, and extends an invitation to all members of the Society of Friends, and all others interested in its objects, to join it and aid in its work.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the objects of the new organization are three-fold:

First: to attain from its members a thorough knowledge of the history and principles of the Religious Society of Friends.

Second: to disseminate such knowledge among others as way may open.

Third: to promote a closer acquaintance and association among those connected with our Religious Society either by membership or community of interest.

Lest there should arise in some minds a misapprehension as to the membership of the new association, based upon the name which has been selected, it seems right to say that that name, "The Young Friends' Association," is not intended to exclude any one from membership, and it is sincerely desired that it may not do so. It was thought that the objects of the new organization would at once meet the approval of the middle aged and elder Friends among us, and secure their hearty co-operation as members, —

and the name adopted was chosen chiefly that it might be a standing invitation to the other class of younger Friends, whom it is especially desired that we should reach and interest in our work. But we need both: we want our older Friends, because many of them have the knowledge we desire and can direct us to the proper original sources, and otherwise aid us; we want our young Friends, those inside the strict line of membership, both because they can aid us in our work, and because we hope as we believe that this work and study will do us all good.

The methods of work which have been adopted are similar to those of like organizations. The general direction of the affairs of the Association will be in charge of an Executive Committee of ten members including the five officers of the Association. This Committee will arrange for all public meetings, publish such articles as the association may direct, and in every way advance the work of the organization. The regular meetings will be held once a month—on the second Second day of each month (excepting Seventh and Eighth months) at such places as the Executive Committee may select. It has been thought that meetings of this Association if held in the various meeting-houses of our Society might in certain localities awaken the interest of old and young and thus tend to strengthen our religious body. The truths embodied in our principles and proclaimed to the world in our history, have still the power to reach the heart and convince the judgment of the honest seekers after truth, when properly presented to them.

Much of the practical work of the Association will be in charge of four Standing Committees, as follows:

- 1st. Committee on History of the Society of Friends.
- 2nd. Committee on Literature of the Society of Friends.