

It seems from reading thy name that we are partly acquainted although I left Canada some seventeen years ago. For several years father held meeting at home each First-day, which Wilson Harvey's family generally attended. After father's death the meeting kept up for some time. But part of our folks moving away these meetings broke up, and I have not been at a Friends meeting for years; yet the same love for a Heavenly Father exists as bright to-day as ever. I feel a sense of loneliness at times on account of having no members of our denomination near. Yet there is consolation in the thought that God is ever near with the same loving kindness. While I cannot join with the other denominations I try not to be an idler in the Master's vineyard. I do what I can in Sabbath school. How I wish the Society of Friends had taken an interest in this branch of work sooner. It has lost to them many members. I am thankful that they have aroused to the importance of the work. The Society of Friends has not yet completed its mission, nay, there is much yet to accomplish. While we may not grow much as a church, I can plainly see that other denominations are gradually coming nearer us in the belief of the immediate and direct guiding power of the Spirit, accessible without symbols. Pardon me for drifting where I have. I started out with the intention of encouraging the publication of the REVIEW. I believe it is the means of much good. It has been a great satisfaction to me. I feel grateful that I became aware of its publication. I trust you may go on in the good work, that it may neither lack support and encouragement until it may be found possible to send it on its mission of love oftener than once a month, and that it may be seed sown on good ground, which, watered by the precious dews of the Holy Spirit, may bring forth a bountiful harvest. Thy Friend,

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Here is one from a Friend in Illinois

that has been away from Friends' Society since boyhood: "You publish a bright, strong and scholarly little paper, and I wish you great success *I could not if I would, and I would not if I could, divest myself of my early religious impressions*. I do not even doubt that 'there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them (it) an understanding' "

Of a Friend (an early acquaintance) he says: "His Christian example and upright life made a very deep impression on me, which I hope and trust will never leave me."

Of another Friend (neighbor to his father's home) he goes on to say: "He was one of the most pure, honest, upright men I ever knew. I am perfectly satisfied in my own mind that he helped very largely to form my character, not by anything he ever said to me, but simply by his strikingly pure and blameless life. Ah! I tell thee there are very many very eloquent preachers that never speak in public. My heart overflows with love, admiration and gratitude to such characters. They are the very salt of the earth."

The following is from a woman brought up a Friend and now living in Kansas: "Wish there was a Friends' meeting here; would go very quickly. There is no use of talking, any one brought up under Friends' supervision can not shake it off. It's like the broken vase—'You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will, But the scent of the roses will hand 'round it still.'"

#### FAITH.

We are admonished to "seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness," and the promise is given that all things necessary shall be added; I would ask our young readers, do we believe this to be true? I hear the response—certainly. We believe in the scriptures, and therefore we must accept the above as true. Then if thee