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"The Hicksite Quakers and Their Doctrines" is the title of a book of 157 pages, published recently, by James M. De Garmo, A.M., Ph.D., in which he gives an estimate of our branch of Friends. Born a Friend, he has since joined the Episcopal Church, and thus from the standpoint of an outsider, although gratefully appreciating and acknowledging the blessings he has received from the Society that nurtured and trained his youth, his estimate will be read with great interest by Friends and others as well. We have but one adverse observation to make in regard to the estimate, a criticism which he himself hints of in the concluding chapter. He writes of the Society as it was in his childhood and in the

"period of hesitation and investigation" that he gave it when about to transfer his allegiance to another church. But our Society of to-day is not the Society of thirty or even twenty years ago. "But all evidence now points to its probable extinction," may have been true of it two decades ago, but is, I rejoice to believe, not true of it now. Life, energy, activity are the chief characteristics of its present condition. The brightest intellect finds ample scope and opportunities within its manifold liberalism. Not only at the great conference at Swarthmore and others of a like nature, but in the separate and particular communities of Friends these hopeful characteristics prevail. With this thought in the mind perusal of the book cannot but be an advantage to every Friend, and every one who desires to know more of our branch of Friends and their doctrines. Standing as he does, separate from the body, he has nothing to lose, and is not hampered by a fear that most of our writers evince in advocating a theory and declaring truths that are unpopular. Having this peculiar advantage, Dr. De Garmo has made the best lengthy exposition of our branch of the Quaker Church in recent times, and we are very grateful for it. In sympathy with Sunderland P. Gardner and John J. Cornell, from whom he quotes quite extensively, it could scarcely fail to give forth the true clear Hicksite ring. We hope to find opportunity and space to quote parts of the book in future issues, but would invite Friends to read it entire. It may be had by sending price (\$1.25) and addressing Franklin T. Carpenter, 231 Broadway, New York City.

For everything that is given something is taken. Society acquires new arts, and loses old instinct. The civilized man has built a coach, but has lost the use of his feet; he has a fine Geneva watch, but cannot tell the hour by the sun.