

adult classes. At the close of Sixth month of this year, this series completed the study of the New Testament. The study of the Gospels was complete, including the entire text of the four. Since the beginning of Seventh month, this series has been on the "Principles and Testimonies of Friends." With 1899 it will begin the study of the Old Testament.

Thus the lessons for the coming year will alternate the subjects of the past two years. The "Illustrated" will be upon the New Testament, and the "Advanced" upon the Old Testament.

In addition to the two series just mentioned, the editor of "Scattered Seeds" has, during the past year, issued in that paper a set of Primary lessons, designed for small children. These contain illustrations, stories and other helps for teachers. They have proved very valuable, but were not issued by the Literature Committee as leaflets, because it has not sufficient funds at its command to print three sets of leaves.

At the recent Conference at Richmond, it was suggested that comments on the International topics should be printed in the *Intelligencer*. An announcement has been made recently that this will be done, during the coming year. Leaflets will be prepared which can be obtained by all schools desiring lessons on the International topics.

For the lessons in *Scattered Seeds* and in *Intelligencer and Journal*, the Literature Committee has no responsibility beyond a very slight financial one, which it has assumed.

The editors of these periodicals, who are preparing these two extra series of lessons, are members of the Literature Committee, and also active members of the Editing Committee, without whose labors the lesson leaves could not be issued.

The Committee appointed at Richmond to prepare a plan for classes in Bible Study is not yet ready to report.

The "Advanced" lessons for 1899, if carefully followed, will enable even adult classes to begin a systematic study of the Bible, and is recommended to their consideration.

A QUAKER MECCA.

THE MEETING HOUSE OF JORDANS,
WHERE WILLIAM PENN IS BURIED.

Deep in a shady dell, about a mile and a half from that English village of Charlfont St. Giles, in which Milton took refuge when the plague was raging in London, stands the Quaker meeting-house of Jordans. Living or dead, no member of the Society of Friends could wish to find himself in a spot more in harmony with the simple tenets of his creed. For several miles around this district is rich in memories of the early Quakers. Near by was the peaceful home of the Penningtons, in which Thomas Ellwood was living as tutor and whence William Penn was to take his first and most beloved wife. Gen. Fleetwood, too, had his residence in the neighborhood.

More than 200 years have elapsed since Jordans passed into the possession of the Society of Friends. It owes its name probably to a forgotten owner of the property, for it was not from a Jordan, but from one William Russell, that in 1671 Thomas Ellwood and several others acquired the land on behalf of the society. The idea of a meeting-house seems to have been an afterthought; it was as the burial place simply that Jordans was originally purchased. It is the burying ground that yearly attracts hundreds of pilgrims, for here lies not only William Penn, but a host of other noted Quakers. Some generations have passed since regular meetings were held in this rude temple, but twice every year—on the fourth Sunday in May and the first Thursday in June—set gatherings are held to keep alive the continuity of Quaker teachings within these walls.—*From a Local Paper.*