

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

To the Editors of YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

Our recent Yearly Meeting, though not as large as usual, was thought not to be lacking in interest. There were also fewer ministering Friends and visitors in attendance than upon former occasions.

The public meetings for worship held at Park Avenue Meeting House on First-day were well attended. There were two meetings held on First day morning, one in the main meeting room, and the other, which partook of the nature of an overflow meeting, was held in the lecture room, or Men's Meeting Room. At the former, Jeremiah Hayhurst, Nathaniel Richardson and Rachel Bond were engaged in the ministry, and Mordecai Price, Phineas J. Nichols and Martha S. Townsend spoke in the overflow meeting.

There was also a meeting held at the Asquith Street or Old Town Meeting House at the same hour. The attendance was larger than we have noted for some years past. O. Edward Janney feelingly addressed those assembled. He said, in part: "We have met to-day in this quiet way to worship God. To Him, our Heavenly Father, we must look for both physical and spiritual strength. Our physical bodies cannot be sustained without His aid, and as we gather in this quiet state our Heavenly Father is brought near to us, and then we have an evidence of a spiritual growth going on within our souls. Jesus believed and taught that there was but one God. The immediate Revelation, as taught by Him, embraces the doctrine of the Society of Friends (of Myself I can do nothing) showing His reliance upon the Father. We do not find in any of His teachings that He advocated the doctrine of the Trinity. We do not find anywhere the idea of three Gods. Jesus believed and taught that there was but one God, who immediately reveals Himself unto His children. He advanced the thought that the Christian

Church embraces a better and more devoted class of Christians than ever before, giving evidence that the Spirit of God was moving upon the people, and that they were His children. Our Heavenly Father provides the means by which we may know what is right and what is wrong. We feel condemned, sorrow and remorse when we do wrong. When we do right we feel rewarded and satisfied. Christ believed in the Heavenly Father's Revelations in the souls of men. He sent Jesus to draw the people away from the idolatry of those times, and thus by His Life draw them nearer to the Father. As a helper in times of trouble he counselled those there gathered to read passages from the Bible, and they would find there recorded such counsel as would prove to them a source of strength. It is a simple thing to live near to God, a Christ-life. When we are tempted to do wrong, let us ask ourselves, Would Jesus do this? then we have a guide. If we uplift our souls to our Heavenly Father for help, He will give it to us. If we believe this and carry it out in our lives, there is no doubt but what we can lead true and Christian lives. Belief amounts to very little unless carried out into practice.

The Youth's meeting held on First-day afternoon was thought to be a particularly instructive occasion. William W. Birdsall, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, delivered a very forcible and practical address, endeavoring to instil into the minds of his hearers the importance of directing their thoughts towards the indwelling source, the light within, counselling them to pay less heed to the outward adornment of their persons, fearing that at times there might be some who, in the weakness of the flesh, would by an adherence thereto, hinder a proper spiritual growth. Upon entering into the examination of the State of Society, but little change was noted in the general character of the answers to the Twelve Queries over former years. A net gain of seven was reported in the