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In our last issue may be found a number of weighty reasons for doing away with the death penalty. But the weighties, in our mode of thinking, is not mentioned there. As this is a subject that should be continually agitated for the purpose of educating the public mind, we feel constrained to add here a further thought: In the punishment of death for death the State is practicing exactly what it disapproves. That erroneous system of teaching cannot produce good. The result is a tendency directly opposite the one sought after. It cannot in the nature of things be otherwise. If the State would lessen murder it must itself cease to practice murder. If it wants to instil into the minds of its

subjects the sacredness and the inviolableness of human life, it must itself hold human life sacred and inviolable. All other methods must inevitably fail. We reap, in kind, what we have sown. We are commanded to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us. This is not an arbitrary command, but a law. We must love if we wish to reap love's golden fruits. Once this divine system put in practice, the world would be surprised at the marvellous results.

In a communication from J. P. P., of Huntington, Ind., he expresses a wish for the establishment of a Friends' Meeting in that place, which, he says, is shared by other Friends living there, and by some others who are not members. The removal of Benjamin F. Nichols and family to the town has strengthened the desire with the Friends there, and an effort is likely to be made to have a Meeting established.

The people of Europe are becoming tired of the grinding requirements for the maintenance of their immense standing armies, and even the Emperors and Kings, it seems, by recent reports, are favoring a partial disarmament and a reduction of the military expenditure of the powers. The bankruptcy of Italy on account of military expenditure has been an object lesson to other powers, which were drifting in the same direction, and necessity may yet force wiser actions, whose higher principles have failed to influence.

DIED.

WEBSTER.—On the 22nd of 2nd mo., at Greenbank, suddenly of heart failure, Henry Webster, aged 54 years.

VERNON.—At Uxbridge, on the 23rd of 3rd mo., of inflammation of the lungs, Ann B. Vernon, aged 70 years.

VERNON.—At Uxbridge, on 30th of 3rd mo., 1894, Gideon F. Vernon, in his 80th year.

These Friends were earnest, sincere members of our Society, and will be much missed in their little Meeting and the vicinity in which they lived. H. W.