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The subject of military drill seems to claim a considerable amount of our attention, and demands frequent space in our two religious papers—the *Intelligencer* and the *REVIEW*. And yet we believe the Society is not any too alive to its duty in this respect. When a course of action that is so directly opposed to one of our cherished principles is advocated so strenuously by men in high places of authority in our Governments, it needs clear, fervent and repeated entreaties on our part. We could not be more asleep if we listlessly sat by and permitted our herds to break through and destroy our growing crops—the hope of the coming harvest. Nor is advocacy in our Society papers enough. We may

make beautiful essays against the introduction of military drill in our public schools, but if we do not stimulate to action and counter-action it will avail little for the present. To borrow a simile from ancient history—Demosthenes is considered a greater orator than Æschines because he stirred men to action. After hearing Æschines they said, "What a beautiful oration!" But upon hearing Demosthenes they said, "Let us march against Phillip." This heart-moving, thought-stirring, action-inspiring, work-working word is what we want. Let us sit down and study the situation, and see where our exertions will have the greatest influence in warding off this evil and sin from our beloved country, and there work, WORK.

In writing reports of Young Friends' Associations and like Conferences, we think they might be made still more interesting, if, along with the programmatic facts there were also sent more fully than is customary the best thoughts given forth and the conclusions arrived at in the discussion of those subjects likely to be of general interest to Friends. The *readers* of the reports will likely be most interested in the wise thoughts, the noble sentiments and clear conclusions that most interested the *hearers*. Let the husks the formalities—when they have served their purpose, drop, and garner only the golden grain. We are interested in these reports, and give these hints only that we and others may be more so

Our dear Friend and associate editor, Serena A. Minard, left her home in St. Thomas, Ontario, 5th mo. 23, to attend New York Yearly Meeting, and with the prospect of spending the summer in Europe, in company with Phœbe C. Wright, of New York. Our kindest wishes go with her, and our earnest desire is that she may be enabled to fulfill her prospect of attending meetings in England for religious service.