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## OUR ISOLATED FRIENDS.

Much interest has of late been manifested in the families of Friends in America who have moved beyond the reach of our meetings, and especially in those who live in the far West. The REVIEW has taken special pains to search out as many of these as possible, and in our little way have endeavored to encourage a closer sympathy between them and our organized communities. That our efforts in this direction have met with some success, we have sufficient evidence. Our several Yearly Meetings are working in the same direction. But even this is not going far enough. A strong effort should be put forth at once to induce not only those

who are thus scattered there, but also those who are moving West, to center in communities large enough to form meetings. Had our meetings taken hold of this subject years ago we believe much of the present state of things might have been obviated. The fact stands out distinctly in this as in many other things, that though many individual members of our Society are doing much, *as a Society* we are doing comparatively little. The history of our First-day School work illustrates this.

An individual effort is now on foot to centralize more than has been the custom in the past those of our members who are moving West. We think this work should receive the sympathy and support of all our Yearly Meetings. We have evidence that these scattered ones are longing for the benefits which our meetings afford, benefits which would be more appreciated now, perhaps, than when they were within their reach in their former homes.

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## DEATH'S MESSENGER.

Silently, and often without warning, he knocks at the door, and bears away with him our loved and cherished, those with whom we have been glad to mingle, and for the beauty of whose lives we have learned to reverence. It seems the sad duty of my pen to chronicle, for the sake of those who, though distant, have known and loved