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We accept the criticism of our friend Lydia J. Mosher, and feel that it is just, although we were aware of the default before, and had taken some thought to guard against it. It seems to be the most difficult period in life to write for, and perhaps no one has succeeded better in the REVIEW than L. J. M. herself, although some of the older ones looked upon those personal historical, shall I call them novelettes, very dubiously. So we see that even the most successful of us is not perfect.

It shall be our continued desire and effort to make the REVIEW to fill its own ample place. It is felt more and more that there is a place in our society, an ample place for it, and we trust that in time it will stand above criticism in that respect. "When we look over our literature," says L. J. M. in the same

article, "we find plenty for the older ones and also for the small children, but a sad want is found when we look for something of interest to young people. I fear that we as a Society have not thought enough on this subject." A sense of this dearth of literature for our young men and young women was the cause for the REVIEW, and this dearth has been so long in existence that it makes it difficult to counteract. Like the parched plant, it takes time to revive.

The REVIEW has done more in inducing the young people to write, than in producing literature especially adapted for them, and in this has been and is of great and lasting value to the Society. To induce into the custom and practice of writing, we pointed out some time ago, is the greatest service the REVIEW can do for our individual members and for our Society, and in this the REVIEW has been quite successful in the past, and we again invite our Young Friends to make it even more so in the future. The ideal of the REVIEW is *by* the young people and *for* the young people, and when this ideal is reached, childhood is so wise, and *true* old age so youthful, it cannot but interest *all*.

The REVIEW does not claim all the criticism contained in L. J. M's article. Part of it is directed to the Society, and I trust the Society will consider it, and how can it reach the young people to furnish them with wholesome literature and elevating thought better than through the REVIEW.

The picnic of Arkona and Lobo Friends, on the 3rd inst., at "Quaker Grove," midway between the two settlements, was an enjoyable occasion. What with swinging and croquet and ball playing, and eating good things made by fair hands; what with renewing old, strengthening present, and forming new friendships and loveships; what with the exchange of friendly word and loving looks, the time will long be remembered and be longed to be repeated.