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To old and young, near and remote, who cherish or remember the name of Friends, we send greetings, and invite you to give the following a thorough perusal to the end:—

The accompanying publication finds its way this month into 3,000 homes. It is the regular number of "Young Friend's Review," published at London, Ontario, Canada, in the interests of the Society of Friends, and devoted especially to affording its young men and women, a means of expression, of encouragement and of culture.

Moved by a feeling and the knowledge that there were many hearts loyal to the sublime principles that have unfolded to men much of the liberty of the world, the religious liberty that makes men truly free; loyal hearts desolate through little communion of sentiment, languishing through inertia, and silent through lack of an agreeable and an appropriate means of expression, we were constrained to dedicate a portion of our energies to relieving these disabilities. Our hope has been, too, that it would promote good will, sympathy and harmony among all our Friends; that it would bear some little part in calling us out of a coldness, an indifference or a state of *ennui* to a warm interest and an earnestness of purpose accompanied with feelings of responsibility and obligation—the assurances of our indentivity; that it would serve the worthy object, perhaps, of increasing our respect for literature, of extending our range of thought as well as developing our powers of expression—resulting in such a culture as would add to us all self-respect and dignity, and to our Society and the cause of truth, force, influence and effect. While perhaps some of our friends, from their view of Society, have given us more credit for "pluck"

than for good judgement in issuing a publication to promote this end, we are pleased to acknowledge that our impressions were true; that our efforts have met with a cordiality of feeling not anticipated. And though the fires on the altars in some localities burn low, still they are not extinguished. And there are potential forces within our limits capable of grand actuality. We have made a small beginning in an effort to engage the attention of younger members, and we are rewarded with a cheering outlook upon the intelligence, fidelity and the future of our noble Society. Many earnest feeling Friends consider that the paper, open to the religious, philanthropic and scientific thought of young men and women, meets a great want; an<sup>d</sup> desire to see it more widely introduced, and its privileges more generally taken advantage of. And to you *Young Friends* we now appeal in all earnestness and in all hope, for the sake of (1st) a religion, spiritual, and above the level of sensuous forms and service, and (2nd) for the sake of an organization to represent it, for the sake of a Society grand in history and in noble deeds, for the sake of individual culture, to arise and take advantage of any means, however humble, that will tend to make your influence felt in the triumphs of advancing civilization. Our Society, not so much in itself as in the attitude of its membership, has presented two aspects widely divergent—the *active* and the *inactive*—unfortunately the former, has hitherto characterized us. Happily, however, the First-Day School has created a healthy familiarity and interest; but still our talents lie to a considerable extent dormant through lack of expression. With the exception of the Sabbath School there has been little but the ministry to call forth our powers, and youthful nature.