

over 100, and near the close of this, our third season, we had our largest meeting, numbering 128 persons present.

We meet once in two weeks at the houses of the Friends, and the interest is so general that it has been seldom we have gone to the same house twice during the same season.

Our hour for meeting is 8 p. m., and usually the company commences to disperse about 10 p.m. We have no refreshments, and the duties of householder as host are simply those of welcoming and bidding adieu to the guests.

The beauty of the meetings is the happy mingling of old, young and all ages, and the apparent pleasure taken by all in the sociability the opportunity affords. The frequent meetings of the Arrangement Committee also bring into close contact a number, who possibly would seldom otherwise so meet, thus affording ample means for increased social mingling.

The good it does for the meeting as a whole, is marked. Beside the growth in the spirit of sociability our First-day morning meeting has constantly increased in attendance since these meetings have been held, and brought those who before had come irregularly, and some whose faces we had not seen with us on First-day mornings for years.

The good it has done personally to attend can hardly be fully realized. Causing them for a time to throw off the cares of business and home and enter the house of a Friend who has willingly offered it for the pleasure of all concerned, and mingle in this air of sociability. It gives an opportunity to inquire after the welfare of one another, and for the smile of interested pleasure or word of sympathy which are as helpful "to give-as to receive," and without which life is a dreary existence. H.

SWARTHMORE LITERARY SOCIETY MEETING.

A large number of life and honorary members convened with the active members of the college on this interesting occasion, and each seemed to

evinced a spirit of friendliness seldom seen elsewhere. The morning session was largely occupied with the opening speech of the President, and the reading of the minutes of last year. In the afternoon two very interesting papers were read showing that the graduates of a former time had not lost their hold upon the ever advancing thought. Dr. Stackhouse first presented her clearly defined views on "physical culture," after which discussions were open to the Society. Many remarks were made apropos to the subject before us, and we could not but be impressed that much must be garnered from this rich field of thought. The next in order was the paper on "Social Duties," by Caroline E. Hall. In this paper the writer portrayed the highest order of our social duties as women; and I think she touched a key that should receive a response in every female heart. We are too prone to neglect these, as we term them, minor details, while in reality they help to form a well rounded life.

In the evening we enjoyed the various toasts offered by some of our members in a very pleasing style. The subject of one of the toasts was "The Two Phases of Poverty." This was so well presented, combined with the speaker's eloquence, that it still lingers quite distinctly on my memory. She first spoke of the extremely poor person, who was truly poor financially, and then as opposed to that, the extremely rich person, poor in sympathy and in mind. The speaker finally deemed the rich poor man the more deplorable case. Elizabeth Powell Bond presented a brief sketch of the life of Mary Somerville, for whom our Society is named. The above speaker related many wonderful incidents in relation to the work of this female scientist, thus perhaps, inciting us to greater energy.

This day of the 14th of 4th mo., spent at Swarthmore College in the society of our most cultured Friends, is one whose brightness seldom appears on the canvas of our lives. Let us appreciate all intellectual feasts set before us, and remember that all good matter di-