

else can we do it more effectively than through the hearts of the young, how else so readily? We would that in our Society, as in so many others, a common zeal might pervade its members; that all might prayerfully consider their relation to the cause of truth, and that all might be ready to enlist in the work before them. All cannot be preachers nor all teachers. There are diversities of gifts, but we believe that the most earnest, the most spiritually minded—those most in sympathy with the young, who can enter into their lives, and their hearts are divinely called to their instruction, and we beg them to be true to the "Heavenly vision." Then, indeed, shall we see the waste places in the Society green again, the wilderness blossoming as the rose. "Instead of the thorn, shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar, shall come up the myrtle tree."

SUNDERLAND P. GARDENER'S ANNIVERSARY.

On the 3rd of 7th month, a number of friends assembled at the residence of our esteemed friend, Sunderland P. Gardener, of Farmington, on the occasion of his eighty-fourth birthday. The company consisted of nearly 60 persons, old and young, who spent a profitable and enjoyable day. After all had partaken of the good things of the heavily laden table, we met in a social circle in the spacious parlors where we were pleased to listen to a friendly talk from our host, who gave a most interesting account of his life, travels, and the work which has engaged his life-long energies; and certainly none could listen without feeling a desire to be more active and persevering in the Master's work, whatever it may be.

It would seem that our aged friend had been unusually blessed with a long life and health, as well as a strong mind, in order to complete the grand work which is being rapidly accomplished.

We were informed that he has attended, within the last forty-two years, 2,261 funerals of the members of various denominations, which would show the respect and confidence with which he is regarded.

Although far advanced in years, he is still

able to attend meeting regularly. He has travelled 9,000 miles during the past year, engaged in proclaiming the views and principles of Friends in such a manner as to lead many to a clearer and higher understanding of so pure a faith. Possessing a clear and sound view of scriptural things, he has been enabled to present them to the young in such a manner as to gain their interest and merit their best gratitude, which they freely give.

Ever fearless of the criticism of men, and obedient to the commands of his Heavenly Father, he has boldly proclaimed the truth to the people and accordingly gained the respect of all societies, in so far, that their churches are opened to him to hold meetings for worship at any time.

When the day was about to close, the pleasant company bade farewell to one another, while all joined in wishing our friend and his good wife a continuation of happy years. Thus passed one of the many happy days which, in the remembrance of the writer, shall be as a bright light along life's rugged way.

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Having, no talent, save that of the love of God shed abroad in my soul, the inmost breathing of my spirit is, "O Lord open thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth thy praise." Realizing in my own experience the truthfulness and fulfilment of the promise, "trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." I feel assured that a like response arises from many hearts testifying to the verification of this promise to us in our late Half-Yearly Meeting assembly. "Therefore let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to His name." But to do good and to communicate, let us not forget, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, so doth my lips speak of the all-loving Father's provision for the assembled multitude, who did eat and were filled, leaving many fragments, which we are commanded to gather up that nothing may be lost. As the fragments gathered up in the