

the necessity of this work that it should not be left to the Committee alone, but should be undertaken by all our members wherever opportunity offers. During the summer months we often find ourselves in the vicinity of some old fashioned, peaceful, country Meeting House, nestled shyly among the hills. Here we may find an inspiration, which, amid the turmoil of city life is often difficult to obtain. The country meeting may, if we will have it so; be of infinite help to us and perhaps we also may be of some slight use in return.

Where there is no accessible meeting in the country districts, why should we not hold "parlor meetings." These were very frequent among Friends in former days, and it is a pity that they have been so largely abandoned. In many country places, there are a large number of residents who have no religious affiliations and who would find help and inspiration in such "parlor meetings." Every member of our Society should appoint himself a "Visiting Committee" of one, to visit country meetings if possible, to organize "parlor meetings" as way opens, and to spread the spirit of true friendliness wherever he goes.

The Young Friends' Association of New York and Brooklyn has successfully completed its fourth year. It can no longer be considered an experiment; it has proved itself a valuable adjunct to the Meeting. During the winter its meetings have a large and enthusiastic attendance, and in the summer its outings are a source of pleasure and profit to its members. An outing of the Association was held on Seventh mo. 23rd, at West Point, the party going up on the "Mary Powell" in the afternoon and returning by train in the evening. The trip is a very beautiful one, and the outing was unanimously pronounced a great success.

While Friends are earnestly and sincerely preaching the necessity of plainness of speech, they have in use a number of what might be called technical terms, the meanings of which could hardly be guessed by the uninitiated. A stranger might possibly understand what is meant by a "Circular Meeting," but an "Indulged Meeting" carries in its name no clue to its peculiarity. One might even attend an "Indulged Meeting" many times without discovering how it differs from another, because as far as the meaning goes it differs not at all.

The "Indulged Meeting" is under the care of a committee, often largely non-resident, appointed generally by a Monthly Meeting, and has itself no executive or disciplinary power. Such meetings are established in neighborhoods in which a number of Friends have settled, and where the number is too small to warrant the organization of a new Preparative or Monthly Meeting.

It would seem that Friends, for whose benefit the Monthly Meeting rents and furnishes a special meeting, none would recognize the obligations that go with the acceptance of the indulgence. But, however it may have been in the early days, it has come now to be true that neither the attendance at an Indulged Meeting nor the members of the Monthly Meeting, having it in charge, realize that there are obligations beyond that of attending the meetings.

We speak of our Meetings as "Meetings for worship," and undoubtedly their primary purpose is to afford Friends opportunities for silent communion with the all-inclusive power we call God. But if this were all the meetings need not be held; for God is no more accessible from the Meeting House than from the home, nor at one time than another. The only excuse for having set times and