

our larger meetings might be helpful to many Friends and bring forth good results.

Individually we may be helpful towards advancing the cause of truth, by the giving of the little or much, according to our ability. If given in a true spirit, and at the proper time, the widows' mite will be just as richly rewarded now as it ever was.

Words almost fail to express my feelings in regard to this, and I know too well how incompetent I am to do so, but trust it may be received in the spirit in which it is written.

A YOUNG FRIEND.

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Editors YOUNG FRIEND'S REVIEW.

Thinking that a brief account of a recent visit to a former ancient abode of worship might, perhaps, interest some of the readers of the REVIEW, particularly those in this part of the heritage, I hereby append the following for their perusal :

The writer, at the request of a member of the special committee in charge of the property, went to Patuxent, twenty-two miles south of Baltimore, on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, on First-day, 4th mo. 19th, to present a deed to the colored people of the African Methodist-Episcopal Zion persuasion, who were holding dedicatory services in the old Indian Spring Meeting-house, they having repaired the building, an ancient stone structure, with a new roof and other slight alterations and additions, having lowered the roof about three feet, and removed the partition, converting it into one apartment. It was abandoned by Friends about the year 1866. Among those who worshipped there were the Cowmans, the Hopkins, and the Snowdens.

The writer was met at the station by an acquaintance, whose interest in the matter, though not a Friend, has been greatly appreciated by those having the property in charge, and conveyed to the place of assemblage about one mile

distant. The house is surrounded by a beautiful grove of oaks. A portion of it was erected some time previous, perhaps a generation or more, judging from appearance, to 1792, when the lot was conveyed by deed to John Cowman and others, when an addition was built or added to the house, there also being another addition in later years. It being the property of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, it was deeded to them by the Clerk of the Representative Committee, with the names of two of the members of the special committee above referred to appended thereto.

The deed bearing date the 16th day of April, 1891, recited that in consideration of the sum of \$100 previously paid, they conveyed the lot, containing three acres of land, more or less, with the proviso that it be used as a place of divine worship, or for educational purposes, and should they at any time fail to carry out its intent it reverts to the Yearly Meeting.

By request of the minister in charge, A. C. Washington, an employé of the Government at Washington, the writer read the deed to the congregation, and made a few remarks pertinent to the occasion. The house was completely filled with a remarkably genteel appearing class of colored people, who seemed to thoroughly appreciate the occasion.

Two very good addresses were made by ministers of their persuasion. One delivered a sermon, the other the presentation address upon the reception of the deed. The former, whose name was J. R. Johnson, a venerable-looking man, based his remarks upon a text found in one of the books of the Old Testament, as follows: "How many among you remember this house when it was in its glory." Seeming to have a full knowledge of what he was talking about, he referred in a pleasing manner to those who had in years gone by worshipped there, when the house was in its glory, and also to the good that Friends as a people have done, etc., and the interest that they felt in their race, adding that they believed in that