

The "YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW" was started by young people of our Society for the young people of our Society. We felt that our religious organization had not yet fulfilled its whole mission, had not yet come to the limits of its usefulness, but believed that it might be still doing a great, necessary and important work in assisting the advancement of humanity towards more light, liberty and love. We believed that our Society was richly and especially endowed by God, indirectly through inheritance and directly through immediate revelation with divine truths and principles that ought to remain while the earth lasts. They not only *ought* but they *will*. We are magnanimous enough to think that not *all* the light is confined in our own Society, and when that is extinguished all will be darkness. No! Other societies, more faithful to their sacred trust than we, will continue the good work till earth becomes like heaven itself. But, Friends of to-day, are we willing to let our Society become extinct, its work cease, and its light go out? Are we willing to shine by the borrowed light of our faithful ancestors, however illustrious they may have been, and to let the high and holy principles for which they suffered persecution, imprisonment, and the stake, be lost sight of?

The inception of THE YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW was the answer of a few of us. We saw in its past history that our Society was not only not advancing, but not even holding its own in both numbers and influence. We looked about for a remedy. A young people's paper that would call into exercise and development the talents of the rising generation suggested itself. Hence the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW. It has been running now for six years and a half, during which time it has carried comfort and consolation to many a lonely home; it has come with words of encouragement to many a despondent heart; it has stirred up by way of remembrance many a care-

less mind that was fast forgetting the faith of its childhood days; it has revived, in many a heart, the desire to check the decay in our religious body and to renew the walls of our Zion, and make our Society felt for good as in its palmy days. THE REVIEW has induced many of the younger ones to write, thus aiding them to discover the reasons for the faith that is in them, and making them more able to maintain our principles in all emergencies, and disseminate them over the world.

And now, dear Friends, are not these things worthy of your hearty support. It is a serious question with the editors whether we shall be enabled to maintain THE REVIEW or not. Without a wider support and encouragement by the Society we cannot. We had hoped and expected that by this time we might enlarge it thereby increasing its usefulness. Last year we went beyond our means in endeavoring to reach the desired enlargement for a few months. So it is to-day not a question of enlargement, but of maintaining.

We appeal to all who desire to see "THE YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW" a permanent thing to neglect not the time of opportunity. Are the majority of our members willing to permit the earnest endeavor and worthy projects put forth in behalf of our Society to starve, to die, for the want of a little support and encouragement? We believe they are not if they understand the situation, and this we have endeavored honestly to lay before them.

Dear Friend, a little thoughtfulness and a little prompt action just now, prompted by thy present kindly and generous feelings may help to sustain and even advance THE REVIEW, and through it may help to sustain and even advance the Society.

There are 215,000 saloons in the United States and 164,000 public schools. The people pay \$80,000,000 yearly to support the schools and \$1,474,000,000 to support the saloons. More means and money to debauch than to educate the youth of the land.