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We publish in this number the first of a series of articles being written for the REVIEW by Wm. M. Jackson, of New York City, under the caption, "Evolution of the Hebrew Conception of God." In his explanation to the Editors of the nature of the articles, he writes the following, which we think will be of interest to all our readers :

"I propose to write a series of articles for the REVIEW, which will illustrate to a certain extent the character of the work of 'The Higher Criticism of the Bible.' My purpose is to build up a nobler conception of the Bible. There is need of a better knowledge of the Bible among Friends, of a more intelligent study of it in the First-day Schools. Nothing will more

strongly intrench Quakerism as the highest present expression of the Truth, than the work of the modern Bible students, who are exalting its Spirit, and assigning the letter to its proper place. Perhaps, as a people, we are not able to bear to hear the Truth now—it is, indeed, unfortunate if this be so—for a wrong appreciation of the nature of the Bible has hampered the spread of Quakerism in the past, and in the recent tendency towards a newness, we should hold ourselves open to every influence that aids that result."

We fully believe the articles will be a valuable source of study, and have no doubt but our readers will generally appreciate their importance.

Subscriptions to the REVIEW are coming to us by every mail, and the canvass for them by our friends is by no means over. *We wish, however, to make an especial effort just now to gain every available name* to our list of subscribers. We therefore suggest to our readers the following means, which, if carried out, would give to the REVIEW several hundred additional subscriptions: 1. We request our club raisers to *secure every available subscriber*. If the club has already been sent us, *it is not too late to add to it*. 2. In many neighborhoods of Friends there are no club-raisers, but, perhaps, one or two individual subscribers. We believe it would be an easy matter in almost every such case, to get up a club of eight names at least; *we request such subscribers to make the effort*. 3. We request scattered subscribers who have not already renewed to do so, *and send at least one new name*.

In the past few weeks our club-raisers and readers generally have been doing noble work in renewing subscriptions, and in gaining to us new subscribers. Our present outlook and the prospect in the near future, are far from discouraging for the REVIEW. We feel the growing strength and in-