

day the need of more time, tact, talent and money than we have at our command, yet we try to do the little things. We have contributed a little to help build a suitable house for the "Sunshine Mission Sabbath School" at Marshalltown, where the name indicates the tenor of its work. We have met with teachers and read and discussed with them two tracts, viz.: "The Teacher's Opportunity," and "Parents and Children" with a feeling of helpfulness. Most of our young people and children have signed the "Silver Cross Pledge." We firmly believe that to educate our children to shun all evil, fortifies them to resist temptations and enables them to seek the good to be found in a pure life.

Touching lightly upon the topic of Peace, we have felt gratification that President McKinley, his cabinet and advisers, should have so firmly persevered in their efforts to avert war with Spain, and when all reasonable means of preserving peace seemed to be exhausted and war came, that it was conducted on as humanitarian lines as it seems possible to conduct anything so destructive of human life and property.

We particularly commend the administration for so quickly and readily responding to proposals for peace and prescribing terms so honorable and so full of promise for better government and more enlightened future for the people most immediately interested in this controversy. Not less gratifying is the almost unanimous approval of such course accorded by all classes of our people, thus demonstrating our country's desire for peace and peaceful pursuits, and that the "pomp and circumstance of war" no longer appeals so strongly to the imagination.

We are pleased to state that our meeting continues to show increased vitality, and that its influence is reaching out and being felt more as a factor of good in the community.

Most respectfully.

T. R. MARSH, Chairman.

THE FRIENDS' MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

A delegation of the Baltimore Society of Friends went to Washington Saturday and had an interesting interview with President McKinley.

In the party were William Wood, Edward Stabler, Jr., Jonathan K. Taylor, Emma L. Taylor, Anne W. Janney and Dr. O. Edward Janney. They were the bearers of a memorial to the President adopted by the Friends' Union for Philanthropic Labor at Richmond, Ind., August 24 last, and signed by John William Hutchinson, President, and Florence Conrad Griscom, Secretary of the Union. The memorial was an appeal for universal peace, general disarmament, arbitration, the cultivation of civic virtues and the suppression of the military spirit.

President McKinley received the delegation cordially and listened attentively to the reading of the memorial. In reply he said: "I am very glad to receive this message from the Society of Friends, and will give it careful consideration. How much of the Philippine Islands do you think we should hold?"

When told that simply a portion for a naval base for supplies should be sufficient, he said: "In order to do that a large standing army would be required. It is a question with me how much destiny there is in the present situation, and what is our duty to these people. My mind is open. No decision has been reached by me, and fortunately, I do not have to decide the question to-day. To pacify Cuba, which we are bound to do, will require 50,000 men, and from 12,000 to 15,000 additional men, will be needed for a while in Porto Rico. You will agree with me that the use of the army as a police force is at present justifiable and will be necessary for some time.

"The message from the Emperor of Russia looking to the disarmament of nations has met with my approval, and