

the termination of the public career of one of the most noted and able characters of the century. Beginning as a Conservative in the House of Commons more than sixty years ago, he in time developed into a Liberal, and became the moving spirit which brought about many radical changes in the laws of his country. Lord Rosebery, who succeeds him as Premier, although a member of the House of Lords, is a pronounced Liberal, and exceedingly popular with the masses. Gladstone's opponents, the Conservative Press, speak kind words of him. The *Standard* says:—"Such a farewell as Mr. Gladstone is bidding to-day appeals with singular force to general sympathy. One of the greatest and most interesting figures of the century is passing away from public life. His opponents, with unfeigned cordiality, wish him the peaceful enjoyment of honorable repose."

In speaking editorially of his resignation, the Chicago Inter Ocean says:—"His abdication, for such it is, must be set down as one of the more memorable episodes of political biography. Here is a man of 85 years of age laying down the real scepter of the greatest nation of Europe, doing so without being forced into it by any pressure from without, nor yet because he cannot bear the burden any longer."

It seemed the proper time to place the reins of power in younger hands.

ABOUT OURSELF.

We are aware that many of the readers of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW are anxious for its success, and are pleased to know what progress it is making in its efforts onward. We think it is due the many workers with us for its success, to be informed occasionally of the progress made. Although subscriptions are still coming in, and we hope they may for some time, yet it is a fairly just time to make a comparison and estimate our progress.

Our present list of subscribers as compared with the numbers just one year ago, gives us an increase of 35 per cent., but as we gained 35 per cent. last year between 3rd mo. 1st and 11th mo. we stand now at the same figure that we did at the end of last year. With a like increase during the remainder of this year as we got last, which we should quite readily make, we shall have done as well as we had any reasons to expect we could do. Our greatest gains over one year ago have been as follows:—New York State 20 per cent., New Jersey 60 per cent., Penn. 100 per cent., Md 50 per cent., Va. 65 per cent., Ohio 50 per cent., Ind. 700 per cent., Ill. 35 per cent., Neb. 60 per cent., Kas. 100 per cent. Canada and other States of the Union have not varied so much. So far as we have heard, with one or two exceptions, the change from the monthly to a semi-monthly has proved eminently satisfactory to our readers—very many expressing themselves as pleased with the change. M. J. H. in sending to club, from Quaker Street, N. Y., says:—"I am very glad the REVIEW is to become a semi-monthly. I have had no trouble in getting the extra 25 cents from each subscriber. I think the paper gives universal satisfaction." E. H. B., White Plains, N. Y., writes:—"We are much interested in the paper, and its more frequent visits are welcomed."

Kindly words which are truly encouraging frequently come to us from those who are not members of our Society. Here is an example or two:—From Girard, Kas.: "After looking over the pages of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, and being more than usually impressed with its contents, I feel that an opportunity has also presented itself to not be neglectful of the gift within, by way of a few words of encouragement. I am, and have been, much interested in the REVIEW, and hope its success in 1894 will far exceed the expectations of the publishers."