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The complaint of a few years ago, that the members, and especially the younger members of our Society, were lacking in a knowledge of its principles and testimonies, is lately being largely overcome. One primary effort of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW has been to educate its younger readers in a knowledge of the Truths which make us a distinctive Society, and in comparison with most other Christian denominations of the present time, in many respects, a peculiar people. In this effort the editors have received able assistance from many who are among the best writers in our Society. We may mention the articles which are appearing each month this year, written by Wm. M. Jackson, of New York, as among

the ablest. Their study by old and young will do much to advance thought and knowledge along the lines indicated. We purpose continuing like contributions in the REVIEW.

Another means (and we might name many) of promulgating our principles, is through the Reports of the General Conferences of Friends of the seven Yearly Meetings which go into so many Friends' homes, and which carry with them some, at least, of the enthusiasm, and of the educating power, which are received at those gatherings. The reports of the recent meetings, at Chappaqua, N. Y., on First-day School Work, Philanthropic Work, and the Religious Congress, are published and being distributed. They contain much food for thought, and many words of encouragement.

Still another means of enlightenment as to the advancing thought in our religious life and growth are the Reports, published annually, of our several Yearly Meetings. The latest to reach us at this writing is that of Illinois Yearly Meeting, held in 9th mo. The Report covers eighty-four pages, contains much useful information, and the "make up" and printing does credit to all concerned. The printing was done at Lincoln, Neb.

But few, who have not been over the ground, can apprehend the difficulties, and, at times, the discouragements which are to be met and overcome by the earnest and interested members of Illinois Yearly Meeting in the promotion of the cause of Truth throughout their borders, which extend from "Southern Indiana to Central Nebraska." The Report on the whole is encouraging. The Meeting is said to have been one of the best ever held there. Some of the movements which have brought new life into our Society had their origin in this Yearly Meeting, notably the Philanthropic Union and Friends' Religious Congress. No wonder the present condition of things in regard to holding