

and severe persecution in England, many Friends emigrated to other lands, some of them arriving in this country at Boston in 1656, whence they were subsequently scattered by persecution.

"The first Yearly Meeting in America is believed to have been held in Rhode Island in 1661. George Fox met with it in 1672, and in 1683 it was set off from the London Yearly Meeting. It was held regularly at Newport until 1878. Since that date it has alternated between Newport and Portland, Maine.

"Yearly Meetings were organized in Maryland in 1672, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in 1681, in North Carolina in 1708, and in Ohio in 1812.

"The Friends have no creed, no liturgy, and no sacrament. They accept the Old and New Testaments, are a Christian body, and have an unpaid ministry of both men and women. Doctrinally they lay special stress on the direct revelation of the Spirit of God to each individual soul. They speak of this as "the light," and believe that it is universal and sufficient. They hold strongly to nonresistant principles, and refuse to engage in war or to take the legal oath. They practice great plainness in dress, do not generally cultivate music, and use quaint forms of speech. In worship they frequently sit silent for long periods.

"Their societies or congregations are usually called meetings, and their houses of worship meeting houses. Besides these meetings there are monthly meetings, including a number of particular meetings, quarterly meetings, embracing a number of monthly meetings, and yearly meetings, some of which extend over several States. The Friends are divided into four bodies in this country, popularly distinguished as the Orthodox, the Hicksite, the Wilburite, and the Primitive."

A shorter description is given of each branch. The total number in the United States as given is 107,208. Of these 21,992 belong to the seven Yearly Meetings of our body of the Society.

To these must be added those living in Canada, which form the larger part of Genesee Yearly Meeting, and numbered last year 647, making a total of 22,639 members of our Society in America.

*This number of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW contains twenty pages.* We have been endeavoring for some time to attain to this size regularly. But the finances of the undertaking would not warrant it; neither will they now.

For the past four or five years there has been a continual increase in the circulation of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, still the increase has not been as great as we would have liked, and some of the improvements which we have had in contemplation has had to be abandoned. At present the prospects for an advance seem brighter than at any past period. Cheering words have come to us, from young and old, from many quarters. We are anxious to send out a TWENTY-PAGE PAPER, at least, every *alternate month* this year. Without a greater percentage of increase in our circulation than ordinary we cannot do it. Are there members of our Society ready to help increase the circulation of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW enough to make it possible?

See announcement in regard to this in 2nd mo. number of the REVIEW, page 27. To this we have had no response yet. but still hope for encouragement in this direction.

Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield, has been attending the meetings in Western Ontario, and holding some appointed meetings, to good satisfaction.

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A SURE PAYMASTER.—Anne of Austria, Queen of France, remonstrating with her bitter enemy, Cardinal Richelieu, observed: "My lord Cardinal, there is one fact which you seem entirely to have forgotten. God is a sure paymaster. He may not pay at the end of a week or month or year, but I charge you remember that He pays in the end."