

flow. But the influence of the F. D. S. and the Philanthropic Union has not yet found its way into many a friendly neighborhood where it would instill new life and hope. I feel that we should utilize and perfect the organizations that are, seeing that they are worthy and efficient, before we lay plans for more.

The Yearly Meetings themselves, from what I understand, do not all in their deliberations and workings accord due liberty to the young people. Their due rights are often violated, and they are not encouraged as they should be to enter into the concerns of society. Genesee, of which I am happily a member, and one or two others I am informed, do not deserve this criticism. I know there is a reticence on the part of youth in assuming its religious duties. But I am persuaded, from facts that have occurred in my own experience, that that is not the only stumbling block in the way of its assuming its responsibilities in behalf of the Society. When liberty to think, and speak, and act, as the spirit directs, is freely granted by the older, and freely felt by the younger members, there will be still less cause for a separate organization.

Might I tell when I felt my religious responsibilities rest upon me the most weightily of any period or position in my life: It was at a "Young People's Meeting" during one Yearly Meeting week. Ministers and elders were there, but not conspicuous in position or communication. Young people, whom modesty, perhaps, or an inward horror on the part of some others lest they might desecrate the gallery, crept only part way up the facing seats, but there was inspiration in the sweet, young faces, and there was willingness in the dear, young hearts to utter forth the message of the Lord. Ah, the soul that is thus baptised in the living, flowing stream of God's sweet, spiritual presence, will not soon forget the blessed privilege.

Finally, from this dignified and honorable position into which you have

chosen me, unequal for it as I am, I would recommend that each Yearly Meeting permit and encourage the young people to hold a special religious meeting for themselves, and for the most part by themselves, therein seeking to feel a sense of the responsibility that must needs fall upon them in after years. "Seek and ye shall find."

If these things that I have indicated be followed, dear friends, the social opportunities of "Our Young Members" will be multiplied abundantly, their social needs will be fully satisfied, and I have no fear but that they will in their turn feel the weight of the responsibilities that will devolve upon them, and will be willing to assume their share of the Society's and of the world's work.

THE DISTINCTIVE VIEWS OF FRIENDS.

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But it may be asked, is this immediate revelation of the will of God to each individual sufficient to redeem or restore one that has by the commission of sin alienated himself from God, and is therefore enduring the suffering of spirit or loss of happiness which such a commission engenders?

Is there not need of some other agency to save man from the consequences of sin, either committed by himself or by his ancestry? or in other words, was it not necessary that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, should come to earth, assume the human form, and be crucified by men under the influence of the passion of jealousy and persecution, in order that a way might be opened for man's reunion with God in the after life. The close student of human experience, as he studies his own life, will find running all through that life, particularly if he be desirous of living in harmony with the laws of the Divine, just the evidences he needs to convince him that there is restoration to that harmonious life by simply being