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In publishing the "*Spirit of Christ's Teaching*" during last year we enabled our readers to become familiar with the great Russian thinker and reformer, Count Leo F. Tolstoi. We were somewhat bold and startling, no doubt, in our eulogy of the stranger and foreigner, but recent events have verified the position we took and have rendered our opinions prophetic. We were struck, when reading Tolstoi for the first time, with the similarity of his views with those of Friends, and we linked his name in a comparison with the name of George Fox. Since then circumstances have linked his name with the names of prominent English Friends.

We perceived that his religious views, which were so much in harmony

with Friends' views, ought to produce worthy fruits. And ere we knew it the test was made, and Tolstoi proved equal to his high principles, and more than equal to our anticipations. Witness how gloriously his faith blossoms into deeds. There is no man in all Russia, or in all Europe, who has done so much towards alleviating the suffering that has afflicted portions of Russia on account of the awful famine.

A little over a year ago we said in an editorial that "Daniel in the lions' den showed no greater fearlessness than Tolstoi in the midst of despotic Russia, condemning the churches, arraigning the Government, subverting established and sanctioned wrong, convicting error everywhere," and now we see him in even a greater work, following further the example of Jesus, in going about doing good, in bringing comfort to the needy and food to the starving.

The simple religion that Jesus taught will blossom into beauty and bring forth glorious fruit wherever it is allowed to take root and grow.

Through the modesty of the writer, and the oversight of the editor, the name of Isaac Wilson failed to accompany his article last month, describing his interesting visit "Among Eastern Friends."

We are in receipt of the sixth bulletin of "Church Statistics" of the United States. This contains the returns of the four bodies under the name of Friends. The general descriptive introduction reads as follows:

"The Friends, or Quakers, as they are often called, own as their founder George Fox, an Englishman, born in Drayton, Leicestershire, in 1624. He began to preach experimental holiness of heart and life in 1647. He had large congregations, and in 1656 was assisted by sixty evangelists. The first general meeting of Friends was held in London in 1668, the second in 1672. The Yearly Meeting was established in 1678. Encountering much opposition