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"Neglect Not the Gift that is in Thee."

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A THANKSGIVING PRAYER.

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By the blossoms on the grave
For the dearest dead we have;
By the quiet after tears;
For the love of all these years;
For the loyalty that death
Gave a life to, and a breath;
For the royal right of Love,
Silence, absence, time to prove;
For the joy of being true—
Truest! Nearest! Best! to you—
God of life and death we pray:
"Hearken to our thanks to-day."

A MISSION OF FRIENDSHIP.

The tendency towards a closer relationship between the English Friends and our Society, which has been manifest in recent years, and which we certainly appreciate, seems to be making substantial progress. The efforts made by the liberal element, in London Yearly Meeting, to have that body send its general Epistle to all under the name of Friends will, when successful, go far to draw the various branches together. The course pursued in the past by London Yearly Meeting since 1827 of dropping correspondence with all but one branch of the Society has undoubtedly had a scattering effect and has helped to estrange the different branches in America. We look forward to a closer fellowship.

John William Graham, of Manchester, England, an associate editor of the *British Friend*, has done much in his recent visit in America, to Friends of the different branches, to open the way for a better understanding of each other, which appears at present to be the thing most essential. We shall look forward with interest for the papers on "American Quakerism," which are to appear in the *British*

Friend, and announced as follows in its 10th no. number:

'We print this month the first of a series of papers on American Quakerism, by our friend and colleague, John William Graham. He has been spending his long vacation in visiting Friends in the Eastern States. Going as a private individual, he has visited Friends of all bodies, has attended 39 meetings, besides 14 sittings of the Conference at Swarthmore. He has been more exercised in the ministry than he had anticipated, and has received great kindness and the warmest welcome from Friends of all bodies. His time has been about equally divided between so-called 'Orthodox' and 'Hicksite' Friends, and he has particularly rejoiced in holding joint gatherings of the two bodies. Succeeding papers as now planned will deal with 'The Liberal or Hicksite Friends,' 'The Orthodox Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia,' 'The Yearly Meetings with which we (London Yearly Meeting) Correspond,' 'The Whittier Country,' and 'Friends' Schools and Colleges.' His desire has been to see the American situation at close quarters, particularly the almost unknown 'Hicksite' body, and to try to begin the Adult School movement in America."

No one in attendance at the great Conferences at Swarthmore will soon forget the presence of John William Graham. His addresses were practical, and full of that spirit which lifts all to a higher plane. Perhaps his feeling towards our branch of Friends cannot be better presented than in his own words in the following address at one of the sessions of the Conference:

"I can tell you, Friends, that it is not unmoved that I have gone about