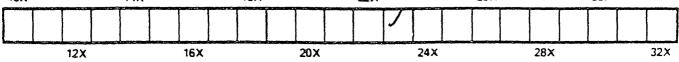
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# "NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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To old and young, near and remote, who cherish or remember the name of Friends, we send greetings, and invite you to give the following a thorough perusal to the end:---

The accompanying publication finds its way this month into 3,000 homes. It is the regular number of "Young Friend's Review," published at London, Ontario, Canada, in the interests of the Society of Friends, and devoted especially to affording its young men and women, a means of expression, of encouragement and of culture.

Moved by a feeling and the knowledge that there were many hearts loyal to the sublime principles that have unfolded to men much of the liberty of the world, the religious liberty that makes men truly free; loyal hearts desolate through little communion of sentiment, languishing through innertia, and silent through lack of an agreeable and an appropriate means of expression, we were constrained to dedicate a portion of our energies to relieving these disabilities. Our hope has been, too, that it would promote good will, sympathy and harmony among all our Friends; that it would bear some little part in calling us out of a coldness, an indifference or a state of ennui to a warm interest and an earnestness of purpose accompanied with feelings of responsibility and obligation-the assurances of our indentity; that it would serve the worthy object, perhaps, of increasing our respect for literature, of extending our range of thought as well as developing our powers of expression-resulting in such a culture as would add to us all self-respect and dignity, and to our Society and the cause of truth, force, influence and effect. While perhaps some of our friends, from their view of Society, have given us more credit for " pluck "

than for good judgement in issuing a publication to promote this end, we are pleased to acknowledge that our impressions were true ; that our efforts have met with a cordiallity of feeling not anticipated. And though the fires on the altars in some localities burn low, still they are not extinguished. And there are potential forces within our limits capable of grand actuallity. We have made a small beginning in an effort to engage the attention of younger members, and we are rewarded with a cheering outlook upon the intelligence, fidelity and the future of our noble Society. Many earnest feeling Friends consider that the paper, open to the religious, philanthrophic and scientific thought of young men and women, meets a. great want; an 1 desire to see it more widely introduced, and its privileges more generally taken advantage of. And to you Young Friends we now appeal in all earnestness and in all hope, for the sake of (1st) a religion,, spiritual, and above the level of sensuous forms. and service, and (2nd) for the sake of an organization to represent it, for the sake of a Society grand in history and in noble deeds, for the sake of individual culture, to arise and take advantage of any means, however humble, that will tend to make your influence felt in the triumphs of advancing civilization. Our Society, not so much in itself as in the attitude of its membership, has presented two aspects. widely divergent-the active and the inactiveunforturnately the former, has hitherto characterized us. Happily, however, the First-Day School has created a healthy familiarity and interest ; but still our talents lie to a considerable extent dormant through lack of expression. With the exception of the Sabbath School there has been little but the ministry to call forth our powers, and youthful nature.

has shrunk from assuming that worthy exhalted and responsible position. In a publication such as this we find something adapted to our years, a means afforded whereby we may express and learn to express in poetry or prose our advancing thought and higher feeling. In this an opportunity is given to everyone of whatever degree of attainment to employ their talents for the common good, believing as -quoted in a former number by a correspondent, "That all truth is not revealed to any one mind, or to any distinct class of minds, but that all, if living up to the knowledge or light given then, have presentations that are worthy of expression, although they may be of limited proportions." This exercise cannot but be improving to the individual; and if these efforts should u timately disclose to any the possibilities of their nature, should serve in a measure to develope an abiding love of truth and remove any barrier to the assumption of higher duties and responsibilities, our humble prayer will have been abundantly answered.

We live, too, in a marvellous age, in a period rich with facilities and resources, wonderful in gigantic enterprises, full of problems religious, philanthropic, political and scientific; and it becomes us to cultivate a better understanding of the present time tendencies, more thought more expression, more unity—not a unity that requires all to think and do alike, not a uniformity, but a unity, like the variegated bloom of a garden, or as the trees of the forest, stalwart, different, yet standing together, invigorated by the same fountains and moved by the same influences, but swayed in their own way—a unity supreme in variety.

Let us have your support and your names on the subscription list.

To OLDER FRIENDS we can only say that we trust you see the importance of encouraging your young people to an interest in maintaining the Society of Friends. Some may think mere loyality, mere sentiment, inadequate to meet their highest needs, and so it is; but it is a help, and stimulates to higher attainment. It is better to have some kind of an interest than run the chances of having none at all. Organized effort is our lack. Without Society

the individual is nothing. For the sake of the young people, encourage them in expression through our columns. More home culture, more education, more thorough First-Day School work will lead to a higher standard. Among other things yet wanting is a freeness to express, an interchange of thought, an object of interest to maintain. To dispel diffidence and inspire onr young people with a just pride in our organization are among the many objects we have in view in publishing the paper. We are making a special effort to bring it to your notice, feeling that our object is one you can heartily endorse, and we request some member of each family to subscribe, and that young men and women will be encouraged to contribute to its pages. We wish to increase the size of the paper that room may be made for matter suited to a wider range of talent. There are a number of ways in which we hope to improve the paper; but it cannot be done without the co-operation of Friends. All that we ask you to do in order that it may be accomplished is to subscribe for the paper. The price is low. This will enable many, too, interested in the influence of our Society, without much sacrifice, to bring scattered Friends into closer feeling by sending a copy to some distant home. After a time we hope to be able to make a special arrangement in this direction.

Why may we not have 10,000 subscribers? To advertisers: There are many Friends in business who advertise and know its value. We especially invite you at this time to consider the question of *advertising in our paper*. You can, we think, do so to your own as well as to our advantage. Friends and others can, if they will, assist us very materially in this way, and at the same time have the advantage of a circulation that extends nearly over all the States and Canada. We promise you favorable rates, and request your early attention to the matter.

To those who send us 12 names for subscribers, with a remittance of \$6. we will furnish one copy of Young Friends' Keview free, and the same for every 12 names sent.

Let some young Friend, or old, in each meeting see what may be done, and that immediately.

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# WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Letter from EDWARD H. MAGILL, A.M., LL.D., President of Swarthmore College, Pa.

> SWARTHMORE, PA., 9th-month 22nd, 1886.

To the Editors of Young Friends' Review.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,—When I first read your prospectus I said to myself at once, that is likely to be a paper that will do great good, and there is a manifest need of just such a paper to represent the strong and vigorous and active young people in our religious society. Each number that has appeared since the first has but strengthened my original conviction, that such a journal was needed, and that the REVIEW was quite sure to prove the one to supply the need. It has already shown that it stands as a staunch representative of the advanced and ever-advancing thought in our Society, and that while it will not necessarily accept any thought as true, because it is new, it will not reject it on that account, without careful and deliberate examination, and a willingness to accept the *truth* however much it may prove to be at variance with views long entertained. In this way only can we make any real progress, and hence I hail the advent of this paper,—as a representative of our young people—as one of the most auspicious signs of religious growth among us.

I can but regret that it appears only monthly. It ought to be a weekly journal, and it can be made so if its merits are generally made known, for at its very low rate of subscription it ought to reach a very large circulation among Friends of this country. I hope that you will print and send out soon a very large edition, and get it circulated widely throughout Canada and the United States. There are thousands of families, if they can be reached, who would hail it as a most welcome messenger every week.

## Very truly your friend,

EDW'D. H. MAGILL.

P.S.--Let Friends who feel able to do so, send for a number of copies and have them sent regularly for one year to such of their friends as they may select. This will give an immediate increase of subscriptions, and those who thus receive them will be sure not to have them discontinued after the year expires. Try it !

"Rus Ruris," Padua, Ill., says: "I have been quite gratified with the receipt of a paper under the above heading, and, considering such a paper much needed, hope that it will carry out all that is therein promised—of being a medium through its columns for a fair interchange of thought and feeling—religious and social, for the young members of our Society."

A lady, not a member, in Kansas State, writes: "This morning I was handed the first copy of YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, and before commencing my day's duties have spent a profitable and pleasant hour over its pages, and from our Western home send you greetings and cheer and wishes for success. I think I can send you some names soon of friends o! the enterprise, who forget not the teaching and

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training of the Society of Friends. And though many of us, in our new field of labor, have united with other societies and have other church homes, we revere the memory of the dear ones whose lives were a constant sermon, the influence of which has made us, through God's blessing, able to live nearer Him who promises to guide us all every day, if willing to be led."

A young married lady sent us the following : "The reading of the first number of THE YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW has been very pleasant to my best feelings. Surely much good will result from your efforts. How nice, that all young Friends are invited to contribute and stand on the same footing. May each look to the true light in this work."

Edgar Haight, of Sparta, Ont., writes us, saying : "Yours? no ! I feel I can say our first number of YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW has been carefully read by me, and I felt very thankful that there has been life enough among our young members to organize and start a work that I trust will prove a great strength to our Society and a help to the cause of truth in the world."

Jonathan D. Noxon, of Mendon Centre, N.Y., among other things, writes : "I have been a reader, as also a gleaner, from the two copies of THE REVIEW that have come to hand, and feel to express my cordial approval of the work thus far accomplished, trusting that it will deepen and widen into a field of useful labor, whereby not only our membership shall be benefitted, but others outside our fold, into whose hands it may be a guest. The crude fragment of granite is as pure and beautiful in its component parts as the lofty and polished column. Although it may not inspire the casual looker-on with the same intensity of admiration, but a close analysis shows its intrinsic worth and beauty. And here presents another thought, to which I would call the attention of the reader, and that is, the supremacy or preference we are wont to give to the expressions of those who stand high among the masses of the people because of their eloquence of address; hence, many times-too frequently, I fear-we accept their utterances without investigation; whereas, did we weigh them in the balance, they might be found wanting; while the production of those of an humbler

sphere would contain much more than we had anticipated. Hence, in the conclusion of this subject, I would encourage all to give forth of the truths that an all-wise and benificent Creator has given them."

The following is from a letter by our respected? friend, W. P. Page, Toronto, Secretary of the Canadian Mutual Aid Association of Ontario :: "I am in receipt of the second number of the -YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, and am muchpleased with the effort being made to establish a paper devoted to the interests of the young people of our Society. It is upon these the future of the Society depends, and anything that will tend to enlighten or instruct them in the principles so dear to every true Friend, will do . much towards sac lining, building up and enlarging the sphere of usefulness of the Society of Friends. That the Society is not in as. flourishing a condition as we would like we must admit, and the reason for this is that the young people do not take the interest that they should. With some, the allurements of the world are too strong; with others, the attractions made prominent in other religious societies serve to draw them away from the quiet and somewhat seclusive portals of our own. The principles and doctrines of the Society of Friends are held in high esteem by the thinking world, and let some means be devised to awaken a deeper interest among the young. Your paper, I feel assured, will have a good influence, and I hope it may be found in the home of every member of the Society."

# Sandy Spring, Md.,

Ninth-month 28, '86. DEAR FRIEND,—I have found the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW a paper well worthy a place in every family that desires, by the literature read therein, to show an appreciation of morality and the other good qualities which go to make up your paper; and from what I know of its publishers, I am very certain that it will never contain anything that will sully its pages.

Yours very truly, CHARLES PALMER.

From a letter written by LEVI K. BROWN, of Goshin, Lancaster Co., Pa., on the 28th of 9th month, we extract the following :--

"I have been much interested in the contents of 'Young Friend's Review "—so much original matter—short pithy articles on religious subjects, as well as the proceedings of meetings, the movements of Friends, current items, etc., all of which make it exceedingly interesting, not only to 'Young Friends,' but to all who desire the welfare and perpetuity of our beloved Society. I have the publishers may be l'berally patronized."