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and in the same enclosure with Friends' Select School. The structure, which is fire-proof, and mainly built of brick and iron, is forty feet square. The main Library room is thirtyseven by twenty-six feet in its interior, with a ceiling twenty feet in height. An iron gallery runs around its four sides, and the room is amply lighted on three sides, there being no buildings near enough to obstruct the light. There is also a small room, nine by nineteen feet, which is devoted to the storage of the most valuable books, and such others as are not esteemed suitable for general circulation but which may be important in the line of historical research. The vault allotted to the record department is thirty-seven feet long and ten feet broad, with a ceiling nine and one half feet high, and is fitted up with steel and iron shelving arranged for the books to be laid on their broadest sides.

GEORGE VAUX.

## Friends' Historical Society of America.

A circular, signed by Isaac Sharpless, Joshua L. Baily, Jonathan Evans, George Vaux, and James Emlen, has recently been issued, as follows :—

Believing that there is much of historical interest in connection with the history of the Society of Friends in America that should be collected and preserved, some Friends have thought it would be desirable to form a Historical Society for the purpose of collecting material for the elucidation of the history of Friends in America. With this end in view there has been formed "Friends' Historical Society in America."

We desire thy co-operation and assistance in furthering the object for which said Society has been organized, and also to present to, or deposit with it, any manuscripts, books, pictures, personal effects,  $etc_{\overline{i}}$ , which may aid the work by illustration or otherwise.

If thou desires to become a member, or wishes further information, please communicate with Isaac Sharpless, president, Haverford College, Pa., or Helen Hopkins Jones, secretary, Lansdowne, Pa.