

individual, and for each Society. What that work is He will make known sufficiently clear. I apprehend that no one can have a reasonable excuse for not knowing. With a fervent desire to know and with as fervent patience to limit the source of knowing to God's own revealing—the only true source—the simplest need not err. And by obedience they will move in His sunlight all the way; and be found unconsciously obeying the various laws of the highest spiritual growth. And since Society is not only dependent upon individuals but as it is expressly for the help and mutual benefit of individuals we are serving it best when we are serving best our own souls. It results in this—individual faithfulness—and if this were maintained throughout our Society, it need not point to the glorious deeds of our ancestors for an excuse to exist, but would be continually developing outward living evidences that it is an important factor in the course of the earth onward and upward to the higher, purer and more perfect life.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 16th meeting of the F. D. School General Conference is past, and has been pretty thoroughly reported. The universal opinion seems to be that it was a very pleasant and profitable occasion. Our friend Lydia H. Hall acknowledges this in the *Intelligencer and Journal* in the following forcible language:—"I want, however, to say of this gathering, that having been in attendance at most of the fifteen previous meetings of the Conference not one of them equalled this in the earnestness exhibited, the order and directness of the remarks to the subject under consideration, or, better than all, the harmony and religious feeling that characterized each session." That a growth in this direction may continue is no doubt the wish of every concerned Friend both young and old.

The long space of two years intervening between each meeting places the members of the Executive Committee and also of the Sub-Committee on literature in positions of no slight responsibility. It is highly important, in order that these Committees may perform their work satisfactorily, that they keep in harmony with the progress of the work throughout our several Associations. On account of distance it is impossible for all the members of these Committees to attend each of their meetings, but very much of the difficulty this causes may be overcome through correspondence.

In order too to insure harmony and true progress, perfect independence and freedom of action must be conceded by the General Conference to each Association in their own rightful work. We might mention instances during the last meeting in which the line of true courtesy in this respect we think was overstepped. With care, condescension and honesty of action, these conferences will increase in usefulness, not only to our First-day Schools, but to our Society at large. Especially to us young people they may become wonderfully beneficial, calling as they do to our nobler natures and talents for co-operation in life's great work.

It is rumored from Madrid that Great Britain is attempting to induce the commercial nations both of Europe and America to agree to suppress the trade in arms, ammunition, explosives, and liquor in the South Pacific. The condition of affairs among the South Sea islanders who are rapidly being exterminated by gin and rifles is surely a sufficient disgrace to civilization to justify strong action in stopping it.

AC. BROWN, daughter of Stephen K. Brown of Toronto, will make it more familiar to the readers of the REVIEW, sister of W. G. Brown, the former Editor, was married on the 25th ult. The REVIEW's very best respects are tendered.