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THE CONFERENCE.—There were no changes adopted at the First-day School General Conference that will necessitate or permit any vital deviation from the plan of work now in use. Almost universal approbation was expressed at the manner in which the Lesson Leaves are now conducted, and as nearly all were present who do the work of compiling them they received, no doubt, much encouragement, and will labor on in the future more assured that their task is deeply appreciated, though it may be an arduous and a responsible one. There was a hope expressed by some that we might be able in the near future to prepare our lessons independent of the International Course, and finally to dispense with lesson leaves altogether,

letting each school form its own course. With our present necessity of unifying and confirming the beliefs of widely scattered Friends, and the general sentiment growing in favor of following the International Course, we feel that the reversion will not soon come nor the circumstances soon prevail when such a change will be permitted or such a course advantageous. Very noticeably and encouraging was the interest manifested by the young people. Our esteemed friend L. J. R., speaking of this feature in her letter to the *Intelligencer and Journal* says: "There is an awakening among the young members of this meeting and a willingness to share the duties and responsibilities of its service, that is very promising. No where else, perhaps, within our borders, is this so marked a feature. It recalls the experiences of the olden time, when so many who were young in years were called to the work of the ministry, and gave abundant evidence of divine appointment. That some such revival has had its beginning in the meetings just held, is very apparent; that it may spread throughout our whole heritage, is the prayer that arises from many who, like Simeon of old, are waiting for the consolation of (our) Israel."

But God has still another purpose in view by these international meetings. He is continually binding individual subjects of each nation nearer together by the ties of love and friendly feeling, and although open ruptures may at times appear at the surface yet the under-current of good will must prevail, and potentates, for selfish ends, will fulminate against our mutual peace in vain.

We hardly feel justified in passing without comment a statement or two by our Friend Louisa J. Roberts in her article in the *Intelligencer and Journal* of 9th mo. 1st., entitled "Friends in Canada." She says, "The social intercourse here, as elsewhere among Friends of the Province of Ontario, indicates a warm feeling