

paper. The work of Friends as pioneers in discovering the necessity for a more intelligent and reverent as well as a more acute study of this most valued and valuable book, in which so much has been recorded of God's dealings with His children was ably presented. The writer deplored the fact that a period followed in which the Society seemed to have been silent on this subject. May it not have been God's way of covering up the precious little seed in the soil of apparent forgetfulness, that no one might prevent its germinating and striking its tender roots into the earth, ready to support the wonderful plant into which it was destined to develop.

What matters it that in an unexpected place we first find the appearance of its tender leaves? Who may tell how many obstructions, and of what kind, were instrumental in making the roots grow for a long time underground, before it could reach up to the light of day?

The brief and modest allusions to the good work being done in Philadelphia and other places in the east, and the generous approval of the excellent work done at the Scarborough school in England, were most encouraging evidences that our Society will not long be behind in the effort to rightly and intelligently interpret the grand truths contained in the book of books. The paper should inspire all who heard it to enthusiastic, earnest, systematic study, and will certainly draw our young people to any school which opens the way for it as suggested by the writer.

An able discussion followed which gave much information as when to make a start, and it is hoped the next conference will show that decided progress has been made.

It is desirable that all who wish to pursue this subject will carefully read the proceedings in the printed reports of the conferences, which will give the discussions in full.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Literature. Traveling Libraries. Reading Circles. How to attract children.

The reports for the schools brought out the good work that is being accomplished through the preparation of literature, suited to the varying needs of the students of different ages in our Sabbath schools.

One of the most effective agencies for placing it in the hands of the children is the "traveling library," and it is encouraging to note the growth of this work in the past two years.

In some places, "reading circles" are doing most excellent work. Some localities have found teachers' bureaus valuable in enabling teachers to help each other in selecting and gathering good literature, as well as in other ways.

The value of education was plainly presented and the power of inspiration properly appreciated as essential to the qualification of good teachers.

The necessity for the old and young to cultivate and encourage social mingling and true friendliness between themselves, brought out the thought that the true way to accomplish this is for the large class of middle aged to keep the chain of personal sympathy unbroken.

A most excellent paper was presented by Howard M. Jenkins on "The First-day School as a Missionary of the Society," which led to a very profitable discussion, and it certainly will be productive of tangible results in the establishment of schools in the neighborhoods where there are but very few members of the society, if there is the missionary spirit in the hearts of those assembled not already engaged in the work.

If Quakerism is a cure, not the cure, for many of the evils existing in the world, then we who believe in the necessity for obeying the commandments of God must go forth and labor, for the fields are broad and many must