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The practical members of our First-day schools are looking with much interest to the approaching General Conference to be held in Virginia next month. Our warm-hearted southern Friends there are extending a very cordial invitation to all such to attend. Saying, when asked: "How many will you be able to entertain?" "Just as many as may come." Much interest centers in the place of meeting, as it has been the home of many well-known Friends, pre eminently that of Samuel M. Janney, our Society's noted historian and author of later times. The meetings themselves are of vital importance. The fact that they are the connecting link for our Associations tends to make them valuable, and the

interchange of thought and feeling has a lasting effect for good. But above all that favorable reports or the reading of valuable and thoughtful papers, or the exchange of friendly greetings and timely remarks may do for us, is the action taken concerning our lesson leaves. These reach out to every school, and have to do with each class and scholar. Wisdom and moderation must mark our every step in this line, or the result will be loss. The propriety of continuing the International Series will no doubt be discussed, and an effort made to depart from them. We know that a large proportion of our schools are not prepared to see this series dropped, and will not be until satisfied by practical experience that we are able to institute a better. Every departure by us, so far, from the International has been a failure. We have no hesitation in saying that our lessons on this line have been our only successful ones, and to drop them yet would be unwise. We would, however, suggest that a third series be adopted on the line of what has been called "A plan of our own." If such a series proved successful—more successful than the present one, then would be the time to drop the latter and not before. If the suggestion is an extravagant one, then we were extravagant two years ago, for our readers will remember that at the time of our last General Conference it was decided to issue a third series for the intermediate classes, but which, on account of unforeseen difficulties, has not been accomplished. To meet the needs of our schools, satisfactorily, is no light task, yet its importance demands our loftiest thought and united effort.

Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield, Canada, has in prospect an extended religious visit amongst Friends this fall. He purposes attending the General Conference and Philanthropic Union to be held in Lincoln, Loudoun Co, Va., about the middle of 8th mo., and later on, Ohio and Illinois Yearly Meetings. After which he hopes to spend some