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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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ABOU BEN ADHEM.

Abou Ben Adhem—may his tribe increase !
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw amid the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the vision in the room he said :
"What writest thou?" The vision raised its
head,
And with a voice made of all sweet accord,
Replied, "The names of them that love the
Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay,
not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerily still, and said, "I pray thee,
then,
Write me as one who loves his fellow-men."
The angel wrote and vanished. The next
night
He came again with a great wakening light;
He showed the names whom love of God had
blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

—LEIGH HUNT.

OUR YOUNG MEMBERS.

THE DUTY OF THE SOCIETY IN GUID-
ING THEM TO A CONCEPTION OF
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN MATURE
YEARS—THEIR SOCIAL NEEDS AND
OPPORTUNITIES AS MEMBERS—
WOULD A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
BE AN AID IN PROMOTING THEIR
INTERESTS?

Read at Friends' Denominational Congress, at
Chicago, by Edgar M. Zavitz, Coldstream, Ont.,
Canada.

"As man was not made for the
Sabbath, but the Sabbath for man," so
let us ever bear in mind that God's
purpose in religious organizations is to
benefit the members. Society is not
an end, but only a means to an end.
It should ever be looked upon as a
means to promote righteousness among

men—a God-appointed means. In
dealing with our subject, then, we
have to concern ourselves with three
distinct parties—the youth, the
Society, and God. The task ap-
pointed us, then, is that of discover-
ing the duty of our Society to its
young members, the agencies to be
employed, the motive power to accom-
plish. Of course God Omnipotent
will furnish the power. But by
what more definite name shall we
know it? What other than by the
title of Love? There is more power
in love than we know. We need not
fear; it is worthy of our entire trust.
It is as broad, and deep, and high as
God himself, for "God is love." Now,
it remains to find out how this motive
power is to be applied by our agen-
cies. On the one hand, God needs no
tutoring. He is all-wise, and all-
willing, as well as all-powerful. We
can rest assured that He will do His
part.

The youth, on the other hand,
being active and receptive, need the
Society's earnest, effective, encourage-
ment to use their opportunities for
doing their part of a grand work.

Having established the relationship
between the different parties, and hav-
ing found the motive power to be used,
the central question, the duty of our
Society to its young members, is sim-
plified, and can the more logically and
intelligently be treated.

Society is an aggregate of individu-
als, who are individually responsible
for whatever is legitimately done in
its name. It therefore becomes the
duty of individuals to look after the
best interests, and promote the highest
welfare of society, in order that
society may return the greatest bene-