

The previous discussions in the several Associations intensified that interest and at the same time educated all in the excellencies or defects in the two systems proposed, viz., of following the "International" or a series of our own choice. The preponderating opinion in the Conference was, as it had been in nearly all the Associations, for a continuation on the basis of the International lessons. Some still hoped we might adopt a series of our own in time, while others earnestly desired that we might so grow in Spiritual Grace, that a time might come when we would not need lesson leaves of any kind. The opinion seemed universal that we should fearlessly present our views, and give our own interpretation in plain terms in the Lessons. It was generally expressed that our present Lesson Leaves were in the right line, and encouragement was given those who prepared them in the prosecution of their work. The number of members on the Executive Committee was somewhat increased, and they were authorized to call on the several Associations for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per year to defray expenses. Invitations to hold the next meeting were received from New York, Baltimore and Indiana, but the feeling was to "go west," and the Conference adjourned to meet in Indiana in the fall of 1890.

The discussions on the various subjects as they came up were full of life and earnestness, yet always tempered with condescension and charity, and the spirit of love prevailed.

One of those side issues which are always forcing themselves to the front at such times, and which are often of great importance, claimed much of the time of one session, viz.: The encouragement of more of a missionary spirit in our Society, and especially in our children. The word missionary was not used in its narrow sense of proselytizing to this or that denomination, but to the Church of Christ, and giving encouragement to a higher, purer, walk

in life, and a thousand ways on every hand were pointed out by which such might be entered into with good results. It was thought by Friends that by enlisting the interest of the children in such work we might solve the problem of keeping our young people with us. It is certain we can only do so by giving them some work adapted to their condition and agreeable to their best wishes. After all some of the best results of these conferences come from the opportunity they afford to the members from distant parts to become acquainted and to be drawn into nearer sympathy and unity with each other. It is wonderful what a widening effect mere international lines have with the ignorant. Canadian Friends have rejoiced to mingle with, and to entertain their American Friends, and I hope that each may be alike loyal to their beloved country and nation, and I believe both have reasons to be without allowing any prejudices of a national character to mar their unity of spirit and love.

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FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET.

To-day, tired of pouring over books, of tracing and appropriating trains of thoughts originated and developed in the minds of people in whom I have no personal interest, I wander across the meadow, along the ever laughing rippling brooklet and over the foot worn log which spans it. The sunny buttercups and bright-faced field-daisies bid me welcome, and here and there, nestled at the foot of the daisy stalks, or half hidden by the grasses, a group of cheery, upturned faces, those precious little good-luck trios, the clover leaves peep out to wish me good speed. The alternate waves of sunlight and shadow chasing each other over the wind swept meadow; the tall, lithe, delicately graceful grasses, the pretty nodding sedges, thick luxuriant clumps of nettles, broad leaved dock, purple crowned