

important matters of entertainment and transportation. To relieve the Yearly Meetings of this expense, which at the late Conferences, I am informed, amounted to about \$7,000, is the problem to be solved if our Society is to receive the full benefit of these meetings. All other expenses and matters of arrangement I think can be conveniently met by the members of even our smallest Yearly Meeting when held within its limits.

One way to remove this "Elephant" and the only way which has yet seemed feasible to me, is to hold our Conferences in cities where means of transportation and entertainment are ample, and places for meeting may be readily procured. And further, that each person in attendance pay his or her own expenses. The total cost would be no more, if as much, as at the recent meetings at Chappaqua. The expenses would be so divided that no one should feel the burden, and the whole work of preparation would be greatly lessened. If such changes be adopted, and I think circumstances and the growth of the Conferences are forcing them upon us, I can see no reason why Genesee should not give the General Conferences an invitation to meet in the summer of 1898 in the city of Toronto. There are but few places so convenient to the seven Yearly Meetings as Toronto, and I believe there is no more desirable place on the continent for such meetings. S. P. Z.

Coldstream, Ont., 8th mo. 30.

Editors of the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

I want to write a few lines and express my gratitude for the words of good cheer that comes to us from the Conferences lately held by Friends in New York. I feel like thanking God and taking courage from the inspirations of the occasion. Friends have been standing on the defensive long enough, and I am glad to see an aggressive spirit. All is not lost that is in danger and it is more particularly the young element in society that is needed

to build up the waste places. The young may get along without the old, but the old cannot prosper without the young. The Society must not die and it surely cannot, for it has not fulfilled its mission, and the Spirit that animated our worthy predecessors will not return unto him void "but must accomplish that whereunto it was sent." "Be of good cheer for I have overcome the world," said the Blessed Master. Let us keep close to the words that fell from his lips, for they are a "savior of life unto life." May they be distilled to us like the blessed gentle dew, and have the same invigorating effect that dew has in the outward. I am more and more persuaded that we are saved by his life. But that he gave his life willingly, for the doctrines that he taught. In that sense he did die for us as an example.

Dear young Friends, your place is at the front or in the front rank; we so much need an effusion of your young life. As Paul said to Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth." The first fruits of your life you owe to God. Do these things and then we "shall have lawgivers as at the first, and counsellors as at the beginning."

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### OUR COZY CORNER.

Playhouse, 8th mo. 23, 1894.

DEAR COUSIN JULIA :—After so long a silence, any of us who are able, ought to be willing to write you in response; but as we can have only a "Cozy Corner" in YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW we still think it best that one of our number write for all. Our writer says it would be more educative to ourselves if we would take turns, instead of letting the same one write every time, and that here is a good opportunity to begin to do the right, by sharing the work we are so willing to have done for us. We do not want to grow up selfish, and never try to help ourselves. Our tutors have impressed our minds with the knowledge that God ever does His part, and