

Signed by direction and on behalf of Indiana First-day School Association.

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TO GENESEE FIRST-DAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION :

Dear Friends,—It is with heartfelt sympathy and a desire to co-operate with you in good fellowship in First-day School work that we are led to address you, for our experience and that of other associations has been that it promotes greater unity among the old and young, more interest in society, and a better attendance of our meetings, which good points are sufficient to incite to future effort. Yet we long for a greater spiritual awakening, a lifting, as it were, to a higher plane of thought and purpose, so much needed in all societies of the present day.

You do not speak of your methods or the means by which you obtain the best results. We feel that the diligent perusal of the Scriptures and an intimate acquaintance with their contents is more and more necessary, as aside from their high spiritual lessons they are called in question in this age of the world ; and it is very important that we become familiar with their contents so as to accord them their true value, for no diviner truths or more beautiful lessons, we think, are found in any literature than those contained in the parables and sermon on the mount ; and if committed to memory when young, when impressions are deeper and more lasting, are apt to go with us through life, and in a measure leave their impress upon our character. And another advantage we derive from a closer acquaintance is that we have a more clearly defined view of texts and passages, and their mutual relation to each other, and their bearing on the great duties of life, and are thus better able to communicate these truths and the lessons they