

the "minding of the inner light" was the fundamental principle; on other points Friends were liberal in their views. Isaac Hilborn and George L. Maris, of George School, expressed the thought that the time had come when Friends should teach what we believe, rather than by telling what we don't believe. Marcia C. Powell wished the children might know that the life of Christ is more than the death. Howard M. Jenkins said, though perplexing to answer the question of "What Friends do believe?" it ought not to be. We should teach what is essential—the Divine will revealed to man—and leave a broad full liberty on non-essential points. Jessie Holmes hoped we might give thoughtful consideration to the questions of right and wrong of to-day.

We lay so much stress upon George Fox, Wm. Penn, etc., but where did they get their thoughts? Why do we not lead our children to look to the same source of knowledge and guiding power? were thoughts expressed by Cynthia S. Holcombe. Believe in the letter but be not a worshipper in the letter. We hold our First-day School and General Conferences that we may teach plainly our simple belief to our children. Annie K. Way says if our Heavenly Father directs the older ones, He is just as willing to teach and direct the young. Then, dear young Friends, do not hold back. There are many places waiting for you; then do not hold back just because you do not feel confident. Alice Hall desired that we might know what our ancestors did that we may profit by their successes and failures. Joel Borton uttered the prayer that we might do our duty as the life of Christ shows it to us. Some have gathered here who were not First-day School workers, but longed to have a taste of this love feast. Oh, my young Friends, build up a new covenant. Take a fresh interest; become true and earnest workers. Pray earnestly to know when we are taught by God; then will His work be done more

perfectly. Many feeling words were spoken in the memory of absent workers. Then, after a few moments of deep silence, the First-day School Conference closed, to meet two years hence, within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, at such time and place as the Executive Committee think best.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING.

The first session of the Friends' Religio is Conference opened in silent prayer, then our thoughts were vocally expressed in the words, "Oh be pleased to give us strength and ability to perform the duty required of us. Turn our hearts more and more unto thee our God."

Aaron M. Powell, New York Yearly Meeting, President, said in his opening address: "Dear young people, this conference is held for you, and I hope you will, out of the fullness of your hearts, utter in words that which is given you. To be a Friend is to be recognition on the part of each individual of the common human birthright in the capacity of knowing the revealings of the light in the human soul. This then, —the Inner Light—is, I consider, the main thing of a Friend. There came to George Fox from on high, first-handed, what he afterward found in his Bible. This source of Divine Illumination in ours to-day. With the Friend the one principle of obedience is held to be of far greater worth than any other. We are to keep the eye and ear open to receive the Truth from the inner soul. We should follow this line of instruction. Do the duty that lies nearest us. Spirituality of character is what the Father wants, and the world never needed it more than now, and it is the foundation of the Friend not only to believe it, but to teach it by example and daily life.

A paper on the "Inner Light" was written and read by Robert S. Haviland, New York Yearly Meeting, dwelling on the point of educating our own will to come easily in touch with the Divine. Discussion of this paper was opened by Lydia H. Price, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, in which she