

beneficial. The most prominent workers in the cause were in attendance from the several yearly meetings. Among the eighty-eight delegates in attendance were many young people, who displayed as deep an interest in the proceedings as any, and who were helpful in many ways during every session. Among whom I might mention: Chas. M. Stabler, Dr. McDowell, Jennie Washburn and Amelia Hicks, from New York; M. Florence Yeatman, Alice Hall, Samuel C. Lambert, Mary and Annie Darlington, from Philadelphia; Eli M. Lamb, Baltimore; Laura S. Clark and Francis Fox, from Ohio; Rebecca Schooley, Edward G. Schooley and Ida Zavitz, from Genesee; and Fannie Robinson, Sarah D. Rodgers, Jessie Hutton, Mary Parry, jr., and Mary E. Fussell, from Indiana.

Upon these and such as these in our Society the future of the First-day School movement will largely depend, and the earnestness and intelligence and judgment they displayed assured of no retrograde movement when the mantle falls on their shoulders.

At the first session, which met at 7.30 p.m., the following programme was carried out: The opening minute was read, Joseph A. Bogardus, of New York, and Rebecca Schooley, of Sparta, Ont., being Clerks. Upon calling the names of the delegates, eighty eight responded.

John L. Thomas, in a few words of welcome, said: "I am glad to see so many young people here, and hope they will fulfil their part faithfully."

Chas. M. Stabler said: "We can see how the young people have been brought into the work by co-operation with older members."

Wm. F. Morris, Fannie M. Robinson, Lauretta E. Nichols, Martha Baynes, Mercy G. Hammond, Ida Zavitz, S. P. Zavitz, Eli M. Lamb, M. Florence Yeatman, Harriet Cox, Chas. M. Stabler and Julia Hicks were appointed to collect the exercises during the different sessions.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and approved.

The report of the Literature Committee followed, which was fully approved, and brought out much expression, especially in reference to our Lesson Leaves. Hearty approval was given the labors of the committee for the past two years.

The report of the Treasurer was read, and the following committee was appointed to audit the books and report at a future session, viz.: Aaron Morris, Edward G. Schooley, John L. Griffin, Samuel Swain, Francis Fox, Eli M. Lamb and Benjamin F. Nichols.

The receipts for the past two years were about \$2,300.00, and the expenditure about \$1,900.00, largely for Lesson Leaves, leaving a surplus of \$400.00.

The report of the Genesee Association was next in order, which reported nine or ten schools, with a total attendance of about 430 and an average of nearly 300. The report was considered satisfactory and encouraging.

Report of Friends' Book Association, Philadelphia, was read, and the meeting adjourned.

The second session convened at 9.30 a.m. on the 8th.

Howard M. Jenkins, on behalf of the delegates, proposed Jos. A. Bogardus and Sarah D. Rogers for Clerks, which was approved, and they were appointed to the service for two years.

A paper entitled, "Shall we continue to follow the International Series of Lessons?" was read by its author, Fanny M. Robinson, of Richmond, Ind. This opened up the subject of most importance to the General Conference: What shall be the nature and scope of our future lessons? The subject was fully and ably discussed, occupying nearly the whole session. The continuation of the lessons following the International Series was endorsed, with the liberty granted the Literature Committee to deviate at times if by so doing a skipped lesson more in accordance with our views