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I cannot know if good or ill
My future lot enfold ;
But, Lord, I rest in peace, because
Thou dost that future hold.

And though at times my spirit fails,
And weary seems the day,
I clasp Thy hand and follow on
Through all the lonely way.

I care not if the road be rough
Or filled with flowery ease ;
The hardest road with Thee is smooth ;
Without Thee none can please.

I would not, Lord, apart from Thee,
Bright wealth or pleasure choose ;
And what I have I pray Thee now,
For Thine own glory use.

Thus may I trust Thy holy Word,
And follow Thy sweet will ;
Assured that in the darkest night
Thou art beside me still.

POSSIBILITIES OF WORK FOR YOUNG FRIENDS' ASSO- CIATIONS.

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Whenever Young Friends' Associations have been started and have flourished, they have been a result of a conviction on the part of the younger members of the Meeting that an organization was needed in which they could become better acquainted with the principles of the Society into which they had been born, and could prepare themselves to carry on its work when their time should come.

The existence of the birthright membership makes it possible for a member of the Society of Friends to live a moderately long life without having a very clear idea of the fundamental truths for which the Society stands. If

he has, by some good fortune, become much interested in it he will, of his own accord, find out these things ; but there are a great many young people who, either from natural reserve or from some other cause, do not feel this interest, and the existing organizations are not the ones to meet their needs. Here, then, is the first work for the Young Friends' Association ; to see that all of the younger members of the Meeting have a chance to find out why there ever was started a Society as peculiar as ours, and what excuse it now has for being. If the Association does its work well, every member will soon feel a lively interest in the Society of Friends, and will do his utmost to promote its usefulness.

Having looked after the members of its own religious body, the next office of the Association is to extend an invitation to all other young people to join them, and a welcome to all who avail themselves of the opportunity. For we, as a Society, need fresh inspiration from the people who have had other traditions than ours and have worked in other fields. Believing, as I do, that the Society of Friends offers opportunities for a broader sphere of usefulness than any other religious organization, I feel sure that all who come to us and learn of our principles will be benefitted, but the Society needs the new thought that its members, by conviction, bring to it quite as much as they need the Society, and the second office of the Association is to bring in this new inspiration.

Now, having looked after its membership, the next work for the Association is to make sure that that membership is worth while. Its program must be such that the people who attend the meetings will not feel that they