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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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LIFE'S HALO.

Let us weave in our daily tasks the thoughts
of God and of good ;
Then life will know of a glory, else lost, or not
understood. E. M. Z.

REPORT OF THE CONFER- ENCES

HELD AT CHAPPAQUA, N. Y., 8TH MO.
9 TO 15 INCLUSIVE, 1894.

If each individual of this great human family fully realized the true meaning and significance "of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," and each strove to live up to his highest ideal, doing his part to make the inhabitants of this world one grand family, and when passing on look back to see the world the better for his having lived, what would this world be? Such an ideal life was surely lived by more than one earnest worker in the vineyard of Christ, for at least one short week on Chappaqua Mount, when 1,000 people or more were drawn together with one purpose, mingling friend with friend all on one level, each feeling himself a humble child of God, among so many, each simple, trusting and, we believe, obedient.

On Fifth-day morning at 9.30, Friends gathered at the tent, in which the conferences were held, and Joseph A. Bogardus, of New York Yearly Meeting, Clerk, opened the first session of the seventeenth First-day School General Conference. Allan Flitcraft, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, appeared in supplication, asking that we might be impressed in aspiration of thought: "Thou, O Lord, seest each of us just as we are; thou knowest the desire of our hearts, then that we may

know of thy spiritual coming, that we may each fill our place in the presence of Christ, each desiring to do his duty in silence or in hopeful expression, and thine shall be the praise."

In the absence of the other clerk, Amy Willets, of N. Y., was appointed to serve for the session. That these conferences are helpful to the young of our Society, by opening up and offering fields of labor, was shown by the report of the Executive Committee. The New Testament Lesson Leaves are giving almost universal satisfaction. A touching memoir of Louisa J. Roberts was included which called forth feeling expression from many by whom she was dearly loved. The report from New York and Genesee Yearly Meeting First-day School Associations were read, bearing evidences of increased interest in First-day School work, and the thought that the Meetings were taking hold of the work was cause for encouragement. The little book of poems, devotional and religious, by Whittier, is found to be a useful help in many schools, but we were cautioned not to neglect the Scripture texts, and to be willing to teach the children in our schools our religious principles, entreating them to mind the Light Wm. M. Jackson, New York Yearly Meeting, wished to impress the teachers with the thought that if they feel the love of God in their hearts, they are fitted to be teachers in the First-day School. Robert S. Haviland, New York, approved of the clause in Genesee's report stating that leaving the International Lessons was felt to be a loss. He said in response to the feeling, (Friends were apt to depend too much on other helps), that Friends are themselves thinkers and