

Christmas tree, and gifts were distributed after the ice-cream and home-made cake had been disposed of.

Dr. William I. Hull, of Swarthmore College, gave his illustrated lecture on "The Children of the Other Half," telling, in an impressive way, of the suffering tenement house dwellers. As he showed on the screen their uncomfortable and unsanitary homes, the contrast between healthy, country life and the miserable existence of the city's poor was made the more striking by farm and village scenes taken in the neighborhood.

Our correspondent adds that a number of Swarthmore students, in sympathy with Dr. Hull's work, were in the audience.

Once a year the Young Friends Association of New York and Brooklyn takes a holiday from its regular meetings, and during the Christmas season, on the eve of the New Year, holds a meeting which is purely social. The company this year, consisting of many guests besides the members, was entertained during the first part of the evening by a miscellaneous program of music, recitations and readings, interspersed with light refreshments and much social intercourse.

As twelve o'clock approached, Charlotte M. Way read some apt selections from Dickens' "Chimes." While the bells of the city rang out the old and rang in the new year, the meeting adjourned until the 31st of 12 mo., 1898.

Believing that social unity is necessary to religious unity, the Brooklyn First-day School is endeavoring to promote, in every way possible, a feeling of friendliness among the children who attend the school, so that it may indeed be the nursery of the Meeting. The school is in a good condition, fourteen new pupils having been added since the opening in the fall. The children are much interested. One

class did Xmas work among the poor and among the younger children a "Band of Mercy" has been formed which has led to an active interest in the cause of kindness to animals. Marianna W. Chapman, who was superintendent for some years, has resigned, and has charge of a flourishing adult class, which is doing good work in Bible study. Her place is now filled by Edward Cornell.

In a city where a five o'clock edition of an evening paper can be bought on the street at half past three in the afternoon, we might expect a Christmas festival to occur before Thanksgiving Day. But it would be a grievous fault to be a few days out of date the other way. Slowness is intolerable. So, whenever it is inconvenient to have the annual First Day School festivities before the end of the year, we call it a mid-winter entertainment, and escape the stigma of being slow. But the children enjoy the recitations and dialogues just as much, eat their ice-cream and cake with the same zest, and enter with the same fervor into the grand romp in the men's meeting house, whether they are keeping Christmas or merely having a good time on the fourteenth of First month.

It was gratifying to note at this annual gathering, a considerable number of children who have been brought into the First-day School by their associates in Friends' Seminary.

In the discussion of Intellectual and Religious Culture, we find varying values set upon the intellect. But all agree that Intellectual Culture is a means to an end; that it is a tool to be used for good by the good and for ill by the evil. This, however, is one of those truths that are so evident that they obscure certain other cognate truths, which are consequently overlooked, if not denied. Is it not just as true that Religious Culture is a means to an end; a tool to be used