

characteristic of the city cosmopolitanism. Irishmen may be its aldermen, Scotland may send it ministers, and English nobles wed its daughters - New Yorkers are simply those who live somewhere within the radius of the city. Possibly the Eagle might flap his wings or ruffle his feathers now and then over some aggression of the foreigners, but his screaming seems principally done in the west.

Page 3.—The friendliness of Friends must be a natural outgrowth of the principle of universal brotherhood, which is one of their doctrinal corner-stones. Certainly the warm hospitality so characteristic of the Society could not anywhere be more appreciated than in New York. There seems a large membership of young people interested in philanthropic work, which fact would indicate a promising outlook for the future of the Society here. The First-day School is well attended and its exercises interesting, while the attendance at the Mission School, held on First-day afternoons, is considerably larger. The pleasant seminary parlor, with its excellent library, should be, and I think is, a valuable adjunct of the meeting house. The Young Friends' Literary Society has not yet reorganized.

Page 4.—There are delightful breathing places within the city limits, where one finds crooked, tree-shaded roads and grass that one may walk on. Thanks to the kindness of Friends again. I was given a most enjoyable afternoon where one seemed in the heart of the country and quite away from all the voice and confusion just outside. A glimpse of Poe's cottage made this still more emphatically a red letter day. One does not wonder that the poetic temperament should find inspiration in such environment, though the cottage itself spoke rather of the sadder side of that life of mingled tragedy and song. Perhaps it was its association with the poet's wife but the cottage seemed to me inexpressibly desolate in its loneliness.

Page 5.—Attended the annual meeting of Young Friends' Aid Society. The number of bright faces and the enjoyable evening spent were in themselves evidences of the blessedness of giving the cup of cold water in His name.

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### THOUGHTS.

O may we keep our minds susceptible to all the divine influences that may come from God.

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We may compare our besetting sins to the great Goliath of the Philistines, who defied the army of the living God. So Israel almost despaired for some time, but David says: "Who is this uncircumcised, that he shall prevail; and, knowing that the Lord is with him, he runs to meet Goliath, as we should our besetting evils, and slays him. Now, if we meet difficulties in this brave manner the Lord will always give us the victory, and we shall build up a noble, Christian character agreeable with God's laws.

O. B.

Trust God for small things. How many of what may be called the small things of this life are we anxious about. Let us not forget that God rules the smallest atom which is in the world. He feeds the tiniest bird as well as the eagle. Will He provide for the wants of these and not for us? He has given us a manifestation of His will concerning us. Let us show by our faith what our value of religion is. Christianity is a heart work. We should not forget that "the Kingdom of Heaven is within," that it is the state of the soul, the answer of a good conscience, a condition of time, as well as of eternity.

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From the true sheep-fold, as described by our Lord, the sheep went not forth of themselves. The Lord put them forth and went before them—George Dillwyn.

I believe that friendship would be truly valuable, and our mutual intercourse instructive, did we speak to rather than of one another.—Mary Capper.