

## NEW YORK F. D. S.

First-day morning, 2nd mo. 17th, the First-day School was opened by the Superintendent reading the Scripture lesson for the day. The subject of the lesson was, "Reflections upon the unbelief of the Jews." After the reading of the minutes of the last session and the concert recitation, the class work began. The sixth class opens the time discussing various points in the lesson. The question as to what we mean by believing on Jesus was talked about. Some of the class thought we mean that we believe the principles for which he stood; others thought that we simply believe that Jesus was the Messiah looked for by the Jews.

In the fifth class the subject of the meekness of Jesus had been up several times. In John we find Jesus saying of Himself things that seem just the opposite to meek, and yet he said that he was meek and lowly of heart. One of the members brought a book to the class this session which seemed to throw some light on the subject. It is "Master and Men," by Wm. Burnett Wright. He says meekness is great strength, and Jesus in speaking as he sometimes did was simply recognizing the strength that was in him to carry out the principles for which he lived. Mr. Wright says, "Meekness has and must have for one of its accompaniments, a temper which is not easily provoked, a serenity which is not easily disturbed, and an indisposition to retaliate injuries. These signs of meekness—which may also be symptoms of weakness—have been mistaken for the quality itself." But he says, "Meekness is that strength of will, that will-power, which comes from trust in that living God." The 4th class spent some time studying the geography of the Holy Land, pointing out the road over which Jesus must have travelled when he went to the Passover. The 3rd class took up the illustrated lesson as usual. The teaching was especially bearing on the "Inner Light,"

which shows what God wishes us to do and what to leave undone,"—to use the words of the lesson—and a belief in this "inner light" is the cardinal belief of Friends. The bell rang for the classes to reassemble just as the little folks were in the midst of a most interesting story. Perhaps the Secretary shall have a chance to enjoy it with them another day. After the "sentiments" were given, Eleanor Townsend read a poem on "Love," based on the 13th chap. of Corinthians; Ludwig Lindenmeyer read a part of Drummond's "Greatest Thing in the World," which wonderful sermon is based on the same chapter. Edward B. Rawson talked to the school a minute or two about getting close enough to people to find out their best points. We often dislike people because we do not know them. Anna M. Jackson made a few remarks on the same subject. Number in attendance, 41. This does not include the adult class. Adjourned.

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For the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

Lincoln Young Friends' Association of Second month 24th, was opened by responsive reading of part of Mark xiii., which included the First-day School lesson for the day, followed by a general review by Mary M. Coffin.

Jesus endeavored to lead the minds of His disciples to things eternal. Our Heavenly Father preached the Gospel to everyone.

Allen Cook gave us an interesting paper on the effects of light literature on the mind. The public press is filled with literature of a light character, exciting and imaginative.

Those of a religious tendency will read those books of fiction treating on the subject. This class of books often reach a class which is not reached by the church.

Joseph Lownes said there is a class of literature sent out by certain publishers, ranging from 25 cts. upwards, which is worse than useless, that finds