

woman?" asked her listener. And so we might go on accounting instances where providence seemed woefully lacking in emergencies.

The only reasonable view to take of the matter is that back of the universe are laws as unchangeable as the Deity himself. When one of the laws is interfered with, we have what we call an accident and God himself can't prevent it. And herein lies the hopeful side of what seems to be a very hopeless matter. The great plan of the universe is perfection in the end, but that perfection can only be reached when man puts forth his full strength to aid in the fulfilling of the law. We have yet to realize that we are needed in the great work and that just so far as we fail to do our part, just so far will the law fail of its fulfillment. A railroad accident is caused by somebody's failure to do his best work "I say not God himself can make man's best without best men to help him," said George Eliot, and verily, it is true.

#### YOUNG FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

As the fourth First-day in the 12th mo., the time for the regular meeting of the Association in New York, fell on Christmas Day, the meeting was omitted, and a social meeting held on New Year's Eve, which was much enjoyed by those present.

The meeting held in Brooklyn First mo. 8th proved very interesting.

The History Section in its report finished the life of Isaac T. Hopper.

The Current Topics Section reported on the late topics of interest, and then gave a summary of the most important happenings for the year just closed, the war and events in connection with it of course receiving most attention.

The Bible Section reported having devoted the time at their meeting to the life of Christ. Selections telling of his birth and legends concerning his life were read. One member had

gathered together pictures, copies of famous paintings of Christ, His disciples and His doings.

The paper of the evening, on the "Physical Basis of Religion," gave us many new thoughts and caused considerable discussion. The paper stated that we are creators as well as cultivators of religion, and that we should first of all keep our bodies in a perfect state of health, so as to be able at all times to see, hear, know, and appreciate the things that will stimulate the purest emotions.

We should not let ourselves become so worn out that it takes all our energy to keep from being cross and irritable instead of being able to enjoy the beauties of our surroundings, which might foster religious feelings within us.

Morality, art, and science are all outward things which should generate religious force. If we are able to love and enjoy these good things we shall surely be able to show others our religion. It does not matter so much what we believe as what we do in the practice of the religion we profess.

In the discussion which followed it was shown that the things from without either distress or inspire us and that which we give out is affected greatly by our surroundings. Still, if we recognize God within, only good religion emanates, and, as we are responsible for what we give and not what we get, we must be careful to so live as to have only the best within to give out.

The meeting of the Young Friends' Association of New York and Brooklyn, which was held in New York 1st mo. 22, was fully attended, and was a meeting of unusual spirit and interest. A new corps of officers, duly nominated and approved by the meeting, assumed their responsibilities at this time. They are: Edward B. Rawson, President; William Kincaid, Vice-President; Cornelia Janney Shoemaker, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mary A. Nichols, Correspondent.