

THE DIVINE LULLABY.

I hear Thy voice, dear Lord ;
 I hear it by the stormy sea
 When winter nights are black and wild,
 And when, affright, I call to Thee ;
 It calms my fears and whispers me,
 "Sleep well, my child."
 I hear Thy voice, dear Lord,
 In singing winds, in falling snow,
 The curfew chimes, the midnight bell,
 "Sleep well, my child," it murmurs low ;
 "The guardian angels come and go,
 O, child, sleep well."

I hear Thy voice, dear Lord,
 Ay though the singing winds be stilled,
 Though hushed the tumult of the deep,
 My fainting heart with anguish chilled
 By Thy assuring tone is thrilled,
 "Fear not, and sleep."

Speak on, speak on, dear Lord,
 And when the last dread night is near,
 With doubts and fears and terrors wild,
 Oh, let my soul expiring hear
 Only these words of heavenly cheer,
 "Sleep well, my child."

—EUGENE FIELD.

CIRCULAR MEETING AT GRANVILLE, N. Y.

On First-day, 7th mo 5th, our meeting was visited by five (5), Friends from New York and Brooklyn. In the morning meeting, Jonah L. Rees spoke from the text, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." He explained the idea of sacrifice, from the time when mother's laid their little ones in the fiery arms of an idol god, to the present day, and to the priesthood which perpetuates the same principle. He there explained how constant obedience to God's requirements would keep us ever in the line of duty ; so we need not be actuated by the false idea that we are required to give back to God some portion of the good things he has given us, to make up, as it were, for our own shortcomings.

Henry Hallock, after referring to the "love of God," which constrained them to visit us at that time, spoke in a clear concise manner of "the Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh

into the world," and explained how the Spirit of God or his voice in the soul would preserve from all evil, and lead its followers into all truth and happiness, if they will only be obedient to it. He also gave a clear and beautiful explanation of worship and the ministry as believed in and practiced by the Society of Friends. After prayer the meeting closed.

At the Conference, in the afternoon, Cora Haviland, of Brooklyn, gave an interesting and instructive account of her work in the Mission Kindergarten. She gave illustrations of the result of such teaching in the lives of the children, which showed how the evil inherent in their natures, and fostered by the ignorant training of their parents, and the villainess and wickedness of their surroundings, was gradually overcome, and all that was good in the child nature drawn out and developed, thus effecting a complete transformation in the character of those children of the slums.

The address was followed by remarks from many, those of Lewis Dougan, of Middle Granville, being especially interesting, as he has recently returned home from the State Normal School, and gave illustrations of the kindergarten teaching as applied to the children of wealthy parents, showing that the effect on the character was equally as great as in the other cases. At the close of the meeting an earnest desire was expressed that a Mission kindergarten might be started in Granville, as there is certainly a large field here for the work, and it is believed that we have enough earnest workers among the people to make such an undertaking a success. L. J. M.

THE SOUL.

The soul has been described to be an emanation of the Deity. A crowning act of the Deity, when He endowed man with a physical, intellectual, and