

Friendly Interests in New York & Brooklyn

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MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP.

NEW YORK—East 15th St., cor. Rutherford Place. First-days, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Fourth-days, at 10.30 a.m.

BROOKLYN—Schermerhorn St., bet. Boerum Place and Smith St. First-days, 11 a.m.; Fifth-days, 11 a.m.

FIRST-DAY SCHOOLS.*

NEW YORK—First-days, 10 a.m. and (Mission School) 2.30 p.m.

BROOKLYN—First-days, 10 a.m.

YOUNG FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION.*

BROOKLYN—Second First-day of the month, 8 p.m., in Meeting House, Schermerhorn St., bet. Boerum Place and Smith St.

NEW YORK—Fourth First-day of the month, 8 p.m., Library Room, 226 East 16th St.

*No sessions held during the summer.

CALENDAR.

Sixth Month:

- 4th. New York Monthly Meeting, 2 p.m.
- 9th. Closing Exercises and Exhibition, Friends' Seminary, Rutherford Place, between E. 15th and 16th streets, New York, 3 p.m.
- 10th. Commencement Exercises Friends' Seminary, New York Meeting House, 8 p.m.
- 11th. Friends' Picnic and Young Friends' Association Outing.

The annual picnic of the New York and Brooklyn First-day Schools is always made the occasion of an outing by the Young Friends' Association. This year the picnic will come, as usual, on the day following the commencement at Friend's Seminary, that is, on Seventh-day, the 11th inst.

An excursion steamer with ample deck-room and commodious cabins for shelter, with a capacity of 600 passengers has been engaged to take us to Grand View Park, Long Island.

The boat will leave the Dock street wharf, near Fulton Ferry, Brooklyn, at half-past eight, and the foot of East 23rd street, New York, twenty minutes later. The picnic grove can be reached by taking the L. I. R. R. to Great Neck Station.

The doctrine of reincarnation, as taught by Buddhists, does not as a

rule appeal to the Western mind. There are certain cases, however, in which it seems to be true. The spirit that animates the young people of a community and leads them to organize a literary society, a philanthropic union, a Young Friends' Association or a travel club, is immortal, and has many re-births in differing bodies. But the form it may wear at any given time is not immortal, and not only will, but ought to die, when it has done its work and served its turn. When such an organization becomes decrepit with age, and so much energy is required to keep it alive that there is none left for its work, it is time the old body were allowed to die, and the imprisoned spirit released. We lack faith, too often, in its reincarnation, and foolishly think that the dissolution of the body is accompanied by the dissipation of the spirit.

It was with great reluctance and deep distress that the literary meetings of the Friends' Literary and Library Association were given up; but the spirit that was their life in the days of their vigorous youth has been born again in the form of a Young Friends' Association.

The Friends' Temperance Union, once a strong and lusty youth, seems now to be in its dotage. Its death might be the occasion of a few tears and much moralizing. But the reincarnation of its immortal soul in some form as yet unthought of would be sure to follow. If there is a spirit worth embodying, it will find a form; if there isn't, it should have no form.

People experienced in works of charity are more and more deprecating promiscuous giving as tending to pauperize rather than to make people