

are dominant and the forces of good dormant. When a corrupt politician obtains office, we declare that the city will be ruined. It is not so. If we believe that God is good, and that He is also omnipotent, then we must believe that good is omnipotent, and what is omnipotent will, in the end, prevail. This is a testimony that we, as Friends, should uphold. In times of public despondency, as well as in seasons of private sorrow, let us persistently and unflatteringly proclaim the omnipotence of good.

The Brooklyn First-day School Christmas Tree brought together all the children of the Meeting from far and near, and there was a Meeting House full of them. St. Nicholas climbed through the window, the chimney being too small for him. After a cheerful greeting and some words of advice, he hurried off for his other visits. His spirited reindeer and jangling bells could hardly wait for his return and it required a great many "Whoas" to keep them quiet while he staid. Eugene Field's "Just Before Christmas" was very well recited by Willie Mayer. Games of all kinds, from "Drop the Handkerchief," to "London Bridge" engaged the children, while the older folk enjoyed a rare social occasion. Ice cream and cake were served, and it was found that Santa Claus had left something for every scholar. Stephen was not forgotten, and his popularity was indicated by the applause that greeted his name.

One frequently hears college students assert that the intercourse with other students and the members of the faculty during the years at college is even more beneficial than the courses of study pursued. Whether this is true or not the Friends mode at college has a peculiar hold upon one's affections and reunions of students are always delightful occasions. Such was the meeting held in New York, 12th

mo. 4th, to which all who had ever been students at Swarthmore College were invited. The occasion was rendered more pleasant than it otherwise would have been by the presence of Dr Edward H. Magill, who was so long president of the college, and who is now Professor of French language there. In the address which formed the principal part of the programme, he told of his life before he became connected with the college, and of many interesting features of the college work while he was president. An organization was formed, called the New York Swarthmore College Association, and similar meetings will be held at least once a year.

In the discussion of "Ethical and Spiritual Culture" at Brooklyn Young Friends' Association, the point was made that there was too much negative doctrine; that "No, No," was almost the first thing that a child learned to say, and it said, "No, No" to everything; that we should get our minds in a more receptive form and get over this "No, No" habit, for we are in danger of denying a great many truths that would be helpful to us.

On the evenings of Twelfth month twenty ninth and thirtieth, some of the young people of the Brooklyn Meeting gave an amateur dramatic performance. The piece selected was a comedy called "Mr Bob," and the proceeds were devoted to the cause of the Mission Kindergarten. There was a full attendance both nights, the performance was a very creditable one, and the Mission Kindergarten Fund was considerably increased.

Handsome new carpets in gold and brown have been laid in the lobby, on the stairs and in the aisles of the Brooklyn Meeting House, giving a cherry welcoming appearance. Comfortable oak chairs and an oak pamphlet table have also been put in the entrance hall.