

of every individual is of weight, and the influence of each member helps to determine the character of the organization and its relation to society at large.

Governor Black's statement would perhaps be generally approved by Friends, and we are apt to point with pardonable pride to the educational query in the Discipline which stands as a monument to the wisdom of early Friends. Nevertheless, judging from the report of the Committee appointed by New York Monthly Meeting to assist the educational committee to collect contributions to Friends' schools, one might infer that our community's interest in education is deplorably luke-warm. This may, however, be an unwarranted inference and it is to be hoped that subscriptions to the college fund and to schools needing support, are being made through other channels.

It should not be forgotten that the pastorate and paid ministry of most churches provides to some extent educational advantages for which Friends should make other provision.

Our simple forms of worship and plain meeting-houses entail comparatively little expense for the maintenance of our meetings. Should not our educational institutions reap the benefit, and our membership the reward, of this economy?

YOUNG FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

FIRST MONTH, About sixty members attended this meeting of the Association in the Brooklyn meeting-house. After the reading of the minutes, reports were received from the Finance Committee and the Treasurer, the Look-out and Publication Committees. Preparatory to the semi-annual election of officers at the next meeting, a Committee was appointed to make nominations.

For the Brooklyn Bible Section, Franklin Noble reported an interesting meeting held during the holidays, at which papers were given on "Christmas," by Vechten Waring, and "Friends' Attitude Toward Holidays and Holydays," by Daniel Gibbons, followed by "Santa Claus," a Christmas story by Cora Haviland, and the reading of Whittier's "The Mystic's Christmas."

The Current Topic Section mentioned, in its report, the following items: The discovery of the tomb of King Menes, as throwing light upon the history of ancient Egypt, and corroborating Bible accounts; the statistics published by Rufus N. Jones, editor of "The American Friend," showing the increase in numbers of the Orthodox Friends in this country; the great revival of Christian Scientists in Boston, where 10,000 converts were made; the determination of the Polish Roman Catholics to separate from the Mother Church; England's \$80,000,000 loan to the Chinese Government, and her protest against German and Russian claims on China; the dubious outlook for Civil Service Reform in our municipal government, and the gradual disappearance of our southern negro dialect.

For the Literature Section, Marianna S. Rawson referred to Howard M. Jenkins' criticism of "Hugh Wynne," and commented upon the historical inaccuracies of the book.

Cornelia J. Shoemaker then presented a paper on "Inspiration." In the general discussion that followed, the thoughts were expressed: that a false notion of inspiration has been a great stumbling-block to the Society of Friends; that inspiration is not confined to the Ministry, but that all true and noble thoughts are inspired, and young Friends should give expression to such as they have in meetings for worship; that great harm is done to religion by belief in the inspiration of many false statements in the Bible;