

1884. The local Committee of Hopewell Monthly Meeting reports attention to the various subjects comprised in the work. They state that the Prison and Almshouse are well lighted and ventilated and in a cleanly condition but considerably out of repair. That the inmates are properly treated and appear as contented as could be expected. In the Temperance reform there has been some work done by individuals but no organized effort of the Committee has been made. The settlement of differences by Arbitration is popular and is availed of to a considerable extent.

Philanthropic
Labor. Matthew reports attention to the various subjects under consideration. The Institutions visited were found in good order. In regard to the imprisonment of children, this report states that there is a law in Pennsylvania, requiring the managers of Prisons to find homes for children who may be committed there, in private families or charitable institutions. The Committee on Temperance of the Yearly and Monthly Meetings are working in the cause and find the interest increasing.

A verbal report from Goose Creek, informs, that their local Committee has not worked as an organization. They find the field of operations so well supplied with workers from the "Women's Christian Temperance Union" that little or nothing is left for others to do.

The Committee in Alexandria Monthly Meeting, reports having visited the Almshouse at Alexandria and the Jail at Washington. Both these Institutions are reported to be in good condition, cleanly and well managed. There are some children in the Jail but no insane. Suitable literature was distributed among the inmates. The report states that "there has been much done in the cause of Temperance, not in a public way by our own Society, but they are alive to the need, and labor in a quiet manner whenever opportunity offers." The National Peace and Arbitration League meets in Washington once a month, and is attended by friends who feel much interest in the cause.

Nottingham reports no organized work but a feeling of deep interest in the cause, and some individual efforts.

Little Britain reports that they have a "Childrens Home,"

1884. "Almshouse", "Hospital" and "Prison" within the limits of their Meeting but the Committee has had no opportunity to visit them.

No organization of the local Committee in Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, the report states. There is no Almshouse or Jail within their limits and no tavern has been seen in their neighborhood for a number of years. The people are remarkable for their sobriety and temperance. The tendency in settling differences is towards Arbitration.

The report from Baltimore states that the local committee has organized by the appointments of a Chairman and Clerk, and has had several meetings. Sub Committees were appointed to visit and inspect the different penal and charitable Institutions, of Baltimore and the vicinity: which visits were to some extent accomplished. The Penitentiary, Jail, Almshouse, Home of the Friendless, and House of Refuge were visited and carefully inspected. Interviews were had with the Managers of the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children, and the Industrial Home for Colored Girls, and interesting reports received from them. All these Institutions are well lighted, well ventilated and cleanly, and properly managed as far as could be seen, with the exception of Baltimore City Jail; that is cleanly and well lighted but very much overcrowded, badly ventilated and poorly supplied with water. The Committee feels that it may have some work to do in helping to remedy these evils, as well as some others that the investigation developed. The Temperance reform has claimed the earnest attention of the Committees having charge of the subjects, and also of Friends generally in this Monthly Meeting, and some organized work has been done, as will be shown by the reports. A Court of Arbitration is in operation in Baltimore but the privilege afforded by it for the settlement of differences is availed of only to a limited extent. The committee suggests that it is a matter calling for serious consideration, why so fair and equitable a manner of settling differences and at the same time so direct and inexpensive, should be ignored.

It will be noticed that seven of the Monthly Meetings fail to make any report, and we conclude that no organized