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To the Yearly Meeting:

The Standing Committee on Temperance, appointed last Yearly Meeting, have to report that in many of the Monthly Meetings a continued interest in the cause has been manifested during the year; but some of the reports to us indicate a lack of effort and almost a lack of interest.

Many of our members have worked with other organizations, and in one or two instances the local committee have thought it best to do the same in their representative capacity.

Throughout a large part of our Yearly Meeting, efforts have been made to extend the Temperance sentiment by holding meetings, distributing literature, and by teaching temperance principles in our own day-schools and First day schools, and endeavoring to have the scholars in other schools similarly instructed.

Petitions have been circulated for signatures within the limits of the Monthly Meetings of our Yearly Meeting in Maryland. These petitions are to the Maryland Legislature which meets next winter, asking that the study of temperance text books, having reference to the effects of the use of alcoholics, be introduced into the public schools.

We have not full statistics from all of the Monthly Meetings, but have sufficient reports to indicate that during the year over 60,000 pages of literature have been distributed, besides pamphlets, newspapers, etc.

We believe this to be oftentimes an effectual method of increasing temperance sentiment, and, in some instances, of assisting in the work of reformation; though we do not rely mainly upon effort in this last phase of the work, believing much more in prevention than cure.

Three meetings at Lombard Street Meeting House were addressed by persons from a distance; special arrangements having been made for their presence. A number of meetings have been addressed, or otherwise participated in by members of our Committee during the last year.

The Baltimore Branch report that their Committee was divided into sub-committees on Public Lectures, Scientific Instruction, Literature, and the Press. Of the two hundred dollars appropriated for our use the past year, one hundred and ninety dollars have

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been expended. We would recommend an appropriation of not less than two hundred dollars at this time.

In taking a retrospect of our year's work the Committee feel that but little has been accomplished where so much of evil is to be overcome, and ^{there} amongst us who have for years been endeavoring to stay the progress of this terrible wrong in our country, are at times tempted to discouragement. But believing as we do that every honest effort for the right must sooner or later meet with success, we are encouraged to press forward in the great work before us.

And we feel like urging, not only upon each member of the Committee, but upon every member of Society who has the best interests of humanity at heart, to consider fully his individual responsibility in the matter, and to shirk no duty that may in any way advance this all-important work.

If all our actions are guided by best wisdom and the purest motives of heart, if we do willingly what our hands find to do, we believe that the results must be in accord with our prayers to Him who delights not in the downfall of any, but in the uplifting and well-doing of all His dependent children.

On behalf of the Committee.

William Hood,
Ann B. Branson,
Sarah I. Miller,
Charles O. Blackburn.

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The Joint Standing Committee on Education submitted their report for the year past, which was read and approved. They are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of \$200, the amount mentioned in their report.

At their request, the following committee was appointed in conjunction with a similar committee of Woman Friends, to revise the present committee on that subject, who are requested to report to a future sitting, viz:

William Hood, John Thomas,
Jonathan Amherst, Job Hubbard,
Edwin Scott, Cyrus L. Griest,