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From the Philanthropic Committee

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting now sitting:

I am submitting this our annual report, compiled from reports received from fifteen of our Monthly Meetings and do not feel that the year's work has been without its results. Many of the members of our Committee have been working with other organizations which have more means at their command, they feel it right to work where the result can be made more effective.

Report from Philanthropic Committee
The limited means at the disposal of our Committee has been a disadvantage to doing effective work. We have tried to be useful in advocating Arbitration as a means of settling all differences and have reason to believe that our influence has been felt in that direction.

An earnest appeal has been made in several of our Monthly Meetings to impress upon our members and others by means of lectures, literature and meetings the value of our testimony on Temperance. In Baltimore two lectures were delivered at Park Ave. Meeting House. One on 'Temperance' by Isabelle Shortledge of Pennsylvania, and one by Anna Shaw on 'Social Purity'. These lectures were interesting and instructive and fully up to the times.

A White Cross League consisting of young Friends was established last year and has held occasional meetings. Unusual labor has been expended in the instruction of the young by means of addresses delivered in Firstday Schools and elsewhere, the use of charts showing the effects of Alcohol on the human system, a set of which has been purchased by the Committee for the use of the several Monthly Meetings.

A considerable amount of temperance literature has been distributed and an essay on the necessity of total abstinence, written by William E. Hull, one of our members, was printed by the Committee for distribution in pamphlet form.

We regret to state that several of our members still sell intoxicants in connection with their grocery business. Since our last Yearly Meeting however, the number has been reduced.

This meeting is recommended to exercise more care in that direction. The use of Tobacco is discouraged and the young people of our Society understand the evil effects of the narcotic poison on their

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system.

A paper on Tobacco by J. Harold Turner, was read before the Firstday School, and this Committee deemed it of so much value that they have had it printed in pamphlet form for circulation during the time of our Yearly Meeting, in addition to other literature on Temperance and Tobacco. Members of our Committee report that they have visited hospitals and reformatory institutions, and have distributed clothing and literature.

Washington reports more work in this line than any of our other meetings, still some of the reports mention visiting the almshouses, some of which were in a crowded condition.

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Llunings Creek report, says their County jail was empty a portion of the Summer and only three inmates at the time the report was sent.

The Mission Sewing School, The Firstday Mission School, and the Mc. Kim Tree Kindergarten are successful institutions in Baltimore under care of our members. Sandy Spring has a school for colored children, under the care of Friends, which they hold every seventh day.

Some Mothers Meetings have also been held under the care of some of the members of this Committee. A highly interesting Philanthropic Conference was held at Pendleton, Ind., in Ninth Month last. Representatives from five Yearly Meetings, which constitute the Philanthropic Union, together with members from other Yearly Meetings which have not as yet joined the Union, were in attendance.

Eli M. Lamb represented our Committee at said Conference. A full report of its proceedings will soon be published for distribution.

The Committee would recommend to the Yearly Meeting the revision of this Committee.

They would also recommend the appropriation of two hundred dollars for the use of the Committee.

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