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Fifthday Morning, Eleventh Month, Third.

The Meeting assembled at ten o'clock.

31. Our friend Isaac Hicks, submitted to the Meeting a concern to visit our Sisters in Gospel love at this time, which was united with setting him at liberty to do so, accompanied by Henry Jannet.

32. The Standing Committee on Philanthropic Labor presented to the Meeting their Annual Report, detailing at length the work done by them in the field of practical Christianity, by organized branches in eleven of our Monthly Meetings and by individual efforts in four of the others, throughout the limits of our Yearly Meeting.

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Report of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

From each of the sixteen Monthly Meetings belonging to our Yearly Meeting we have received reports, with the exception of one, West Branch, Pa. Of these eleven have organized, and four have not adopted any form of organization.

Those organized are Sandy Spring, Nottingham, Newmarket, Little Falls, Goose Creek, Alexandria, New Creek, Pipe Creek, Gunpowder, and Baltimore. Those not organized are Centre, Little Britain, Fairfax, and Hunning's Creek. In all of them individual work has been carried on.

The subject of the starving poor of Russia has excited interest and sympathy, and that this interest is real is shown by the forwarding of the sum of \$65 for their relief. In response to an appeal made by Abby L. Monroe and Anna Nicholas on the 10th of Tenth Month 1892, under the auspices of this Committee, a sum of money was raised for the use of the school in which they are laboring, at Met Pleasant, South Carolina.

Some of the members of Park Avenue Sunday School have collected clothing which they have sent. New Creek also reported contributions sent from their neighborhood.

Herewith we submit reports showing the work done in the various lines of labor we are engaged in.

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Peace and Arbitration.

Endeavors have been continued to increase the interest in this subject, chiefly by means of the distribution of appropriate literature, some of which has been given to the pastors of other denominations with the request that they bring the subject before their congregations.

At the time that war with Chili threatened, an earnest protest against any but a peaceful solution of the difficulty, was sent to President Harrison and to Secretary Blaine. From the President's Private Secretary a courteous reply was received.

Temperance.

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Delegates were sent to a State Temperance Convention held in Virginia and also to the Maryland State Temperance Alliance, and to the funds of the latter \$25.00 was contributed. Public meetings have been held, addresses made, and literature distributed, with the hope of spreading temperance principles. In some sections, earnest efforts have been made to secure and maintain local prohibition, and some of these efforts have been successful. In order to keep the subject of temperance before the minds of the young, one Firstday in each month is conducted as a Temperance day in some of our Firstday Schools, and on these occasions, the attention of the children is drawn to the subject by addresses, literature, class exercises and in every appropriate way. Arrangements are now being made to open a free reading room for men and a night school for boys in the McKim Building in East Baltimore. This will be opened at once. Efforts will be made to have greater attractions than can be offered by saloons, without the attendant evils. Here men and boys may find a pleasant and profitable place to spend their evenings where all the influences will be elevating. It will be under the care of the Baltimore Branch of this Committee.

Capital Punishment.

Acting for Baltimore Yearly Meeting, our Committee sent a petition to Congress favoring the passage of House Bill 6652 entitled a Bill to abolish Punishment by Death and substitute therefor Imprisonment for Life.

The bill was read in Congress but no action was taken on it at that time. An appeal is made to all Friends to use their