

1892 influence with their Representatives to vote for the passage of the bill when it is again presented before Congress. Also that influence be used to have similar petitions brought before every State Legislature as Congress only has jurisdiction over the District of Columbia and the Territories.

Social Purity.

Efforts are being made to extend the White Cross work, with the hope that a White Cross Society will be formed among young men in every locality where Friends reside. In Eighth Month last, such an association was organized at Lincoln, Pa with good prospects of success.

Tobacco.

Report of Committee on Philanthropic Labor
Several addresses have been made in Park Avenue Firstday School and elsewhere, on the subject of Tobacco usage. In one of our Monthly Meetings, Memorial, regular public meetings are held once a month, at which those who address the audience aim to impress them with the danger attending the use of Tobacco and alcohol. In educational institutions under the care of Friends, successful efforts are being made to discourage the use of Tobacco among young men and boys.

Work Among Women and Children.

There are six Institutions under this department in Baltimore City.

Friends Sewing School for poor children, had the names of 85 children on the roll during the winter of 1891-2 with 16 Officers and Teachers. While the children sew they are generally read to; several weeks were taken up in reading, "Black Beauty." Texts of Scripture and selections from the poets are learned and repeated in concert, also the 23 Psalm and The Lord's Prayer.

Once a month papers are distributed that have been donated. These papers are much appreciated, and we know of them having been enjoyed at their homes. The Christmas entertainment was in connection with the Mother's Meeting at Park Avenue. The children taking part in the exercises. There was a liberal provision of good things, and each child received a present.

The general character of the school has been satisfactory; the Officers and Teachers have been long enough, many of them in this work to feel the labor bestowed has not been in vain.

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The results have been sufficient to encourage them to press on in the good work.

Friends' Lombard Street Mission School reopened 11th Month 12th, 1870, with 20 Teachers and 200 pupils. It will be noticed it says, 're-opened', showing that it had been held previous to that time. The former records, however, we have never been able to find. Our Society was among the first to engage in this work in Baltimore. For several years the attendance was large; the children coming long distances. From 1870 up to the present time, 1892, school has been held regularly with one exception - the winter of 1876 and 1878 - when the small pox was so prevalent.

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Park Avenue Mission School, held on Firstday afternoon, has occupied a rented hall on South Eutaw Street, since our meeting moved from Lombard Street. Last Tenth Month it opened with about 60 scholars and continued until Third Month, when it was discovered that several of the children were sick with scarlet fever, and that two had died. Those who had been active in the school hope to re-open it this autumn.

The Free Kindergarten held in the "Mc Kim Building" was opened in the Third Month of 1889, so that the fourth year of the school is just commencing, having opened Tenth Month 3rd, with 118 children. The children this year are nearly all new scholars; those who were in attendance previous years having reached the age to enter public school. We have been enabled by donations of tables and the purchase of chairs to extend the accommodations and comforts.

A great improvement is noticed in the children both as to cleanliness and manners. Since our last report the Trustees have introduced water into the building. The Water Board of the City agreeing to supply it free of rent.

It was a need we have long felt, as cleanliness is one of the important things taught to the children. Through the liberality of a lady interested in the school we have been enabled to give the children soup once or twice a week, milk being provided on other days. As in the past, donations of clothing have been received, by which means the children have been kept very comfortable.

The usual Christmas ^{tree} was prepared; also presents for the children. A present is bought by the Teachers for the mothers with the pennies the children have saved through the year; in some cases enough having been saved to buy a woolen dress for the mother.