

1892 Friends in Washington are supporting a Free Kindergarten Garden in Georgetown. There are about twenty scholars on the roll and it is in a prosperous condition.

The third season of the Mother's Meeting held in the McKim Building closed Fourth Month, 11th, 1892. Twenty meetings were held with about sixteen mothers present. Garments to the number of 160 were made.

Instructive talks by some of the Committee, and a lecture on health pleased them very much. They expressed themselves well satisfied with the efforts made to help them, which was done in every possible way. Several have joined the Temperance cause, taking the pledge, in which they seemed sincere.

Report of Committee on Philanthropic Labor The Mother's Meeting held in Park Avenue Meetinghouse has only had one winter's work to report, and although the results are not great, yet those interested feel that they will grow as experience is gained. The names of twenty-five mothers were on the roll. Some of them brought their small children with them and toys were provided to entertain them. Some of the women were very poor, others were able to pay a small sum for the garments they finished. The women seemed interested in their work, also in the talks that were given from time to time, especially those on hygiene.

Sandy Spring reports at a recent meeting of their Philanthropic Committee, a proposition was made and approved that the "Benevolent Aid Society," which has existed in the neighborhood for about 15 years, be placed under the care of their Branch of our Committee.

Children's Vacation.

This grew out of an earnest wish that the children of the poor, especially those who are not strong or well, might experience the delight of country life in summer and gain strength from a sojourn amidst rural scenes, while at the same time, the influence of Christian home life be exerted over them. Those of our members residing in the country, have in many instances, freely offered to keep little children for a week or two, and the plan, which was first tried in the Summer of 1891, has proved eminently successful. Homes for twenty-seven children were found among friends, in the Summer of 1892, at Fawn and Menallen; the traveling expenses were nearly paid by contributions, the balance by this Committee.

1892. Early last Spring some of the members of this Committee with a number of others, formed an association for the purpose of taking some of the children of the poor of our city to the country for two weeks. Through the kindness of Bernard St. Baker, Ingelside, in Baltimore County, a large house with ten acres of land, were loaned to those interested, who formed themselves into a Board of Managers. During the Seventh and Eighth Months, seventy-two children were accommodated at the Home, ranging in age from three to fourteen years. Of these fifty-seven were girls and fifteen were boys.

Report of Committee on Philanthropic Labor Every evening at dark, all were gathered in the hall and a portion of Scripture was read before the children were taken to bed. On Firstday morning, a little meeting was held at which the children repeated texts and the lesson for the day in the Lesson Leaves was read. It is hoped enough means will be at command to enlarge the facilities of the Home next year, both as to number of children cared for and the length of time it is open.

Prisons, Asylums, and Hospitals.

The jails and almshouses situated within the limits of several of our Monthly Meetings have been regularly visited, and in some of them literature has been distributed and meetings held. The commitment of the insane to almshouses has excited protest; its evil tendency needing no argument.

We are happy to report that through the earnest and persevering efforts of some of our members, acting with and through the medium of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union" and assisted by our Philanthropic Committee and other interested persons, a law was passed by the late Legislature of Maryland, placing two matrons in each of the seven police stations in the city of Baltimore. Accordingly these police matrons have been appointed and have entered upon their very important duties, and now women and children who are so unfortunate as to be taken to the station houses, are at once placed under the care of tender hearted Christian women.

Lotteries, Gambling, and Kindred Vices.

We have only to report that efforts have been made, in some neighborhoods, to reduce the amount of gambling and kindred vices carried on at County Fairs.