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of literature. Several hundred copies of temperance papers have been distributed to the children of the various schools under our care, and upon ^{these} as well as those attending The McKim Reading Room, lessons of temperance have been impressed.

Addresses have been delivered by members of the Committee at Woodstown, and Salem, New Jersey, Relay, Md., and to the public of Baltimore during a recent series of wagon meetings, held at different points in the city. In some neighborhoods regular temperance meetings are held.

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 Endeavors have been made to prevent the use of wine on public occasions, and the exhibition of beer as a food and its distribution among the visitors at the recent Pure Food Exposition in Baltimore, discouraged.

Delegates were sent to the annual meeting of the Maryland State Temperance Alliance and Thirty-five dollars was contributed to assist the work of this association.

An effort to reach the boys and young men resulted in opening The McKim Free Reading Room, at the corner of Baltimore and Misquith Streets, Baltimore, in 12th month last, 1892. The reading room was closed during the summer, but reopened 10th month 1st, and will be continued. The hours are from 6 to 10 P.M. and every evening from twenty-five to seventy-five boys and young men gather here to read, converse or play innocent games under restraining moral influences. The library now contains about 450 books and numerous illustrated papers and periodicals. This enterprise affords a fine opportunity for temperance work, the number of visits paid to the Reading Room last season being 4490.

Purity

Under the auspices of this Committee and the White Cross League, two lectures by William Blackie, of New York, were delivered in Baltimore and were well attended. Throughout our borders, it is believed that earnest efforts have been made to elevate the moral tone of the people, and to insist on an equal standard of purity for men and women.

Education of the Colored People of the South.

By reports from various meetings, it appears that ten barrels of clothing and one box of bedding, together with a quantity of good literature have been sent to the Schofield and Laing

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Schools in South Carolina. To the former \$37.75 was contributed and forwarded. In addition to this, home needs have been looked after, and much help given. Efforts have been made in some neighborhoods to interest the mothers to send their children to afternoon schools where the children are taught Temperance, kindness to animals, sewing, drawing, and different occupations.

Tobacco and other Narcotics.

The effort of various members of this Committee have been directed toward discouraging the use of Tobacco and other narcotics.

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 Literature has been distributed containing many articles condemning the use of such injurious substances, and some members of the Committee, both by example and precept are endeavoring to save the youth of our land from these pernicious practices. The subject of temperance and tobacco seem to be so closely allied that in some Monthly Meetings, tobacco has received a full share of attention. The use of tobacco in our institutions of learning is most earnestly discouraged.

Prison Reform.

An unusual number of prisons and other institutions have been visited during the past year. Much benefit has resulted from these efforts, both to the inmates and in respect to the general management of the institutions. A large amount of reading matter has been distributed in prisons, almshouses, and hospitals.

The establishment of matrons in the police stations of Baltimore, in which Friends were instrumental, has proven most beneficial. Three of our members have been appointed upon the Board of Women, in charge of this work.

Capital Punishment.

Many pamphlets on the subject of capital punishment have been distributed, with a view of spreading the sentiment against this method of treating criminals. A petition prepared by the Committee and signed by a large number of Friends, was presented to the Governor of Maryland, in First month last, asking for a commutation of the sentence of four of the young accused of the murder of Mr. J. H. Hill, of Kent County, Maryland, from that of death to life imprisonment. The sentence of four of