

22. The following satisfactory report on first-day schools was read, and the Committee was continued to report next year.

To the Secretary Meeting:

The Executive Committee on First-day Schools report there are 17 First-day Bible-schools under the care of Friends, two less than last year. We have reports from 16 of these, most of which show a decided increase in attendance and interest. 645 persons are reported as belonging to them the average attendance being 506, nearly the same as the previous year. The number of teachers is 50, besides 11 women officers. The number of Friends' children attending these schools is 47, and of adult members 118, several of the larger schools being what are termed Mission schools, two of them for colored people.

Most of the schools use the International series of Lessons, but very few hold Teachers Meetings.

John C. Thomas
Baltimore 11 month 17, 1878.

23. The Committee on "Home Missions" presented the following interesting report. They were continued, and we strongly commended this action to the hearty approval of the members. Reverend Lewis of Houtzelle was added to the Committee.

The Committee on "Home Missions" report, that at the close of your last Yearly Meeting, they decided that the members of the Committee should form, in their respective Meetings, Home Mission Associations, and should report to the central Committee in Baltimore, at Yearly Meeting time, all the work done by them during the year. In order to bring definitely before our members the various branches of work contemplated by the Committee, an address was prepared, in the autumn, which was sent to them together with queries on these subjects to be answered by them.

The answers from the different neighborhoods show that in all the Meetings except three, more or less Home Mission work has been done. In four, a regular organization has been effected, and, in one, while this was not the case, Committees on several branches of the work were organized. Owing to the want of statistical

abstracts in many of the Reports, it is impossible to give an accurate account of our work done during the first year.

Number reported as actively engaged	75
• Young Members of the Society, through our efforts	2
• of Mission Schools, chiefly Sunday-schools	4
• Visitable and Educational Institutions visited	7
• Bibles given away	63
• Tracts	700
• Sewing Meetings maintained	5
• garments given away	335

Local religious meetings are maintained among our own members (not all regularly) in six neighborhoods.

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A Sea Meeting for working men, chiefly, was held nine times during the winter, average attendance 41.

A number of our members have been actively engaged in Temperance work, and in efforts to reclaim the fallen. In our work you definitely see the conversion of sinners, and in this respect the Lord has been pleased to bless our efforts.

A number have signed the temperance pledge. We are of the opinion that the Committee should be continued, and encouraged to renewed effort in this direction.

Respectfully submitted

Richard H. Thomas

On behalf of the Committee.

11 month 23^d, 1878.

The Committee to promote the religious and educational interests of our members and meetings, made the following report. They were encouraged to prosecute their labors, and report next year. John C. Thomas was added to the Committee.