

## Report of the Pastoral Committee

### To the Yearly Meeting.

In presenting an account of the work of the Pastoral Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting of last year, we desire to bring before the minds of Friends generally something of the condition of our subordinate meetings, and to show not only what has been done, but also some of the needs observed in these meetings.

**Baltimore** — We requested Baltimore Monthly Meeting to appoint a Committee to unite with the Executive Committee in the work, which was complied with, and there have been regular meetings held once a month except in the summer. Reports have been received from various meetings during these times and our prayers and interests have been drawn out as the need for work and the blessings resting upon religious labors have been thus brought before us. A series of thirteen religious meetings was held in Baltimore, 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 1882 and Bro. J. D. Land of Canada was invited to be present at that time. His Gospel labors were very helpful and strengthening. The spirit of prayer was largely poured out upon many and an abundant blessing rested upon these meetings. During the Winter and Spring we believe that the work of grace went on quietly and steadily. All the meetings have been well attended and, except during the summer, two Bible classes on first day mornings have been carried on with increasing interest.

**Ashton** — In 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 1882, and in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> mos. of this year, Ashton Meeting was visited by members of this Committee. One Friend remained there ten days, and paid a number of family visits finding much opportunity for personal work. One of this Committee also held a Gospel Tea Meeting to which seventy persons came. All seemed interested and we believe the blessings of the Lord rested upon the effort.

**Washington** — The Meeting and Bible class at Wash. has been regularly held, though at times under some discouragement. It has been visited five times by members of the Committee. A Weekly Social and Religious Meeting was maintained for several months at the house of a friend and was refreshing and helpful.

**Hooperwell** — In 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 1882 four members of the Committee held a series of eight meetings at Hooperwell and in its neighborhood. All of them were quite largely attended and the power of the Lord was manifested in the conversion

of sinners and the consecration of believers. Another visit was paid by two of the Committee in 1<sup>st</sup> mo. In 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. two of the Committee from Baltimore and one from Deer Creek held a series of meetings at Hooperwell. Nine meetings were held (besides two children's meetings) and all seemed to be especially directed to the building up of our members, and we believe were richly blessed of the Lord. The Committee has been much encouraged by the revival of religious interest and experience in Hooperwell Meeting. It is not much more than a year since fears were entertained that the Meeting would cease to exist; now on first day morning there are generally twenty-five present and about twenty usually attend the Monthly Meeting. Meetings entirely silent are the exception instead of the rule and the Meetings and Bible Class are often attended by some who are not members. Baltimore Quarterly Meeting was held this fall at Hooperwell for the first time since the war. Several members of this Committee were in attendance and some extra meetings were held. All the Meetings were large and great interest was manifested.

**Patuxent** — At Baltimore Quarterly Meeting held at Patuxent last 12<sup>th</sup> mo. several members of the Committee attended and some meetings were held at private houses. Since the Quarterly Meeting, Patuxent has only been visited once, by three members of the Committee.

**Deer Creek** — No series of meetings has been held at Deer Creek but it has been frequently visited. Several of this Committee visited Balt. Quarterly Meeting at Deer Creek in 6<sup>th</sup> month and held some additional meetings. The Meeting was twice visited in the winter. One of this Committee spent several weeks in the neighborhood last summer and held a Social Religious Meeting once a week which was helpful and encouraging. Another member of the Committee visited the Meeting several times during the summer.

**Virginia** — The two Half-year's Meetings of Virginia were attended by members of this Committee and on both occasions additional meetings were held. A social religious meeting held during the Half-year's Meeting at Richmond was a time of special favor.

**Black Creek** — The very large accession to the membership of Black Creek within eighteen months calls for our interest and aid. The exemplary lives of most of the new members is comforting and satisfactory but there is room and need for instruction and wise and long counsel. A Meeting has been held once a month at Dillet, and once a month at Corinth by members of the Pastoral Committee at Black Creek.