

for the help and instruction of those who have lately become members of our Society. Besides these meetings, much visiting has been done.

Cedar Creek - A series of meetings were held at Cedar Creek near Richmond in the 2^d month. The meeting house at this place had been closed, and was about to be sold, when people interest was awakened in the few friends remaining in the neighborhood by the visit and Gospel labors of William Nicholson, of Ohio, and one of our Committee from Richmond with another from Black Creek. Instead of selling the meeting house it was decided to put it in order and re-open it. Several members of this Committee (three from Baltimore and one from Richmond) were present at the opening. Several meetings were held, and attendance varying from forty to sixty. There were occasions of much interest and the Lord's blessing rested upon them. Since this visit two new members have been added to this little Meeting. A number of our Committee, from Richmond, has since visited Cedar Creek and a number. There is a strong tradition here for the Society in this neighborhood, and we believe a Meeting might be built up if sufficient labor was bestowed.

Bellfonte - A series of meetings was held at Bellfonte in the Fourth month in which the religious interest and blessing were very marked. Many members of the Committee also attended the Four Months Meeting, held at Bellfonte in the Sixth month, and held several appointed meetings, and paid a number of family visits, in which the Lord's presence and power were remarkably manifest.

Cumwauville - They also visited Cumwauville and Lodi Run, and held meetings at both places. While encouraging Friends to faithfulness and renewed diligence the visitors were much impressed with their isolated condition and with the great need for labor in those places.

Dumplings Creek - Several members of this Committee attended the Four Months Meeting held at Dumplings Creek in the Sixth month. The new meeting house was opened for the first time and each meeting was crowded with persons from the neighborhood, in addition to our members. A deeply interesting series of meetings was held, and we believe that some were enabled to make the forgiveness of their sins, and others were led to consecrate themselves more fully to the Lord. Then a visit paid to this neighborhood in 10th month, we heard that the good work is going on satisfactorily.

In taking this survey of our meetings, it may be noticed that while much work has been done in some places, others have been left unvisited, not because there is no need for pastoral work, but for lack of workers. We firmly believe that if the Lord's children in our various Meetings would but love to Him with the purity, "What wouldst thou have me to do?" that doors of service would open wide before them, and they would find that when it is God's will that we should enter upon our work, there is an infinite store of power in Him to enable us to do it. Our experience has proved that Meetings apparently the most lifeless may be revived, and that through the power of the Holy Ghost very simple services are blessed.

Francis J. King, Chairman
James Leary, Jr., Secretary

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12- The Committee on Home Missions and Bible Schools made the following satisfactory report, and they were continued to report to our next Yearly Meeting. John Scott Miller was added to the Committee.

The Committee on Home Missions and Bible Schools desire to urge upon our Friends in each Monthly Meeting, the importance of the work among the poor, or neglected; and they hope that our numbers may not be discouraged because they have so few who can engage with them in the service in our smaller Meetings. We have been gratified and encouraged to have some reports of work returned into in a small way, and amid many hindering circumstances, which has brought forth fruit to the glory of God. Our faithful servants can at least do the work of our, and if no other help we are dependent of our Heavenly Father's assistance. The reports from our Monthly Meetings show a pretty general interest in Home Mission work, although we regret that in some places no work at all of this kind is known to be done. The different kinds of work engaged in, are Bible Schools, Sunday Schools for Girls, Mothers' Meetings, Women's Employment Societies, Improved Meetings and visiting families, Alms-houses and Homes visiting the Scriptures to poor and aged people and tract distributing.

The work in Federal Hill, in Baltimore, is the most prominent branch of our work, and this was very much increased by the purchase of small plot last winter. The Gospel Meetings from our Bible School were continued there through the year and were much blessed in their work - the members of the Meeting giving evidence of real growth in spiritual character and power. Notwithstanding the consistent increase in the attendance of two of our largest First-day Schools in consequence of the above-named increase, the total average attendance for the Yearly Meeting has risen from 838 in 1852 to 877 in 1853. There is wonderful encouragement in the fact that all the schools appear to be doing well, and two new Bible classes (one of them of over 40 young people) have been established.

There are still two Meetings without a Bible School.

We would urge all Superintendents and Bible Class Teachers to send that a record of the attendance is duly kept, that the averages reported to the Yearly Meeting may be strictly correct and not mere estimates, as has been the case in some of the smaller Schools.

We submit a tabular statement of the reports from the Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee	John R. Leary, Secretary
First-day School Statistics of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends	
Number of Schools under the care of Friends	20
Time of continuance in Months & average	9 1/2
Whole number enrolled	1190
Average Attendance	877
Number of Friends Children attending those schools	127
" " " Adults attending	207