

with the labors of the Baltimore Association of Friends on behalf of education in North Carolina. They are renewedly impressed with the necessity of sustaining schools for higher education, in their own Yearly Meeting. The reports of their Evangelistic and Pastoral Committees show very satisfactory results the past year. Their Mission work in Mexico and among the Indians had been greatly blessed of the Lord. The work of the Bible Schools had been satisfactory.

Iowa Epistle refers to the large territory embraced in that Yearly Meeting, including as it does, Meetings in Oregon, California, and Texas, as well as nearer home. Their Annual Assembly had been remarkably blessed in, an outpouring of love to God, and to one another. They had also realized, in reading the Epistles, a precious sense of unity and fellowship with distant brethren. They had been enabled to feel and to exercise the liberty of the children of God, and He had greatly blessed their labors to the salvation of souls. 611 members had been received by request the past year, exclusive of 38 in Jamaica. While rejoicing in the increase of numbers, and of the life of the Church, and, in many temporal blessings, they feel the need for watchfulness unto prayer, that all may be preserved against the wiles of the devil, either in false doctrine, lukewarmness or formality. They rejoice in the increase of interest in the Missionary cause, and have liberated Josiah Sellen, a Minister, for Gospel Service in the West Indies. All the different branches of Church work had been blessed with encouraging success.

Kansas Friends express the comfort and satisfaction they have received from the London General Epistle, and rejoice that the various Yearly Meetings maintain their brotherly correspondence. They have realized that those who dwell with God, dwell in love, and will be kept from running to extremes in any phase of Christian Truth. Much labor had been expended to develop a deeper Christian experience among their members, resulting in strengthening and building up the Church. Their work among the Indians, involving much arduous service, had been blessed. While the adoption of Constitutional Prohibition by Kansas, was very gratifying, they felt that much more remained to be done in the cause of Temperance. They are earnest in Bible School work, realizing

that the future of Church and State depends, humanly speaking, on the rising generation.

10 At this period of the business the Men's and Women's Meetings met in joint session for the remainder of this session.

11 The following report from the Home Mission and Bible School Committee was read to our comfort and satisfaction, and the Committee was continued and encouraged to prosecute its work and report next year. A. Morris Carey, Francis A. White, James Carey Jr, and John A. Parker, were added to the Committee.

Report of Home Mission and Bible School Committee

In the Home Mission work of the past year, the Committee find much cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father; and especially that He has blessed the efforts of isolated Friends in the smaller meetings, where our members live at such distances from each other that united work seems almost impossible.

Still, the decided gain, which results from organized efforts is apparent in the reports from Subordinate Meetings; and we desire to encourage Friends who are interested in Home Mission work, to form an organization with regular times of meeting, that they may have the advantages of union. To form an idea of these advantages, we have only to consider the state of the work in Lower Virginia, where two Mission Meetings, regularly held, have drawn a good number to our Society and demanded the erection of two new meeting houses within a few years past.

In some of the smaller meetings, where it seems impossible to engage in any work exclusively under our control, our members unite with those of other Societies in Temperance and Mission School work.

A new feature of the work in Federal Hill in Baltimore has been the organization of a Savings Institution, receiving money on Seventh day evenings, and investing it for the sole benefit of the depositories, the work being done by volunteers. Over \$200. has been received since last 6th month, a large part of which we believe would have been wasted but for this Institution.

The statistical report of the Bible School work shows very slight changes from last year, but the number of schools has increased, so that one has been held in every