

Recks, Thomas E. Miller, Ellis Irwin, Isabella White, Judith Crosshaw, Cosmelia Hughes, Franklin V. McCoy, James E. Underhill, Samue Hay, and Lillias A. Neave were added to the Committee.

Report of Friends' Foreign Mission Association of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

The members of the Central Committee have met from time to time in Baltimore, to receive reports and to consider the state of the work.

A missionary sewing meeting was held by the young people last winter in Baltimore, and another during the summer in London Co. Virginia. As the result, a box containing clothing for the children in our school on Mt Lebanon, and other articles for use in the Hospital there, is now ready to be forwarded.

Two Missionary Associations have been formed amongst the children at Black Creek, Virginia, and these reported last year at Beltsfort and on Federal Hill have been continued. Correspondence on Missionary subjects is regularly kept up with these associations.

The only meeting that has been held during the year by the Committee was one at Fishertown last winter.

The amount received from the mile boxes as shown by the accompanying report of our Treasurer, is again very encouraging, evincing a growing interest, especially amongst our country meetings.

Our school at Kallarruck on Mt Lebanon was continued until about three months ago; and several interesting letters were received from Theophilus Walden, informing us that the children were making good progress, and that several of them had learned to read the Bible well.

At the same time he mentioned the determined opposition of the Maronite Bishop and Priests, so that when six weeks ago the letter came from which we now extract the following, we did not feel altogether surprised at its contents. He writes 10th of 8th month 1882. It is written in the 10th chapter of Matthew in the 23d verse, that when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another. This is now applicable to the Kallarruck School, where we had been opposed and persecuted by

the Maronite Bishop, who opened a new school in opposition to ours, and excommunicated in the most horrible way all the people who sent their children to our school, so that they got frightened, especially the poor ignorant mothers, of whom there were some, who believe that priests and bishops come from Heaven, and are not born like other people. The opposition finally got so strong, that no children came to the school, and we had to consider the matter in our Conference, and we agreed to shut the school at Kallarruck. In the same time I received a touching petition from the inhabitants of Bar-Baleem, (pronounced Bar-Baleem) for the opening of a day school.

In Bar-Baleem are no fanatical Maronites, but all are Greek Orthodox Christians, (of course nominal only) and these do not oppose to the Gospel like the Maronites. He had formerly a school in this village, but was obliged to close it on account of the teacher, who could not agree with the people there. Now, as this opportunity presented itself to us, we, after serious and prayerful consideration, agreed to open the Bar-Baleem School for our dear friends in Baltimore. We transferred the teacher Jisaf with the agreement of her will, to this new school, and transported all the furniture and books also to this place, and the school was reopened on the 1st of this month with 30 children.

I am sure that this change is a great gain, in every respect, and I am pleased with it indeed.

We hope that those of our members who took so much interest in the school at Kallarruck, will not cease to remember this poor benighted village in their prayers, and that they will feel no less interest in the school at Bar-Baleem, where there appears to be a much larger opening for usefulness.

The work of Samuel Purdie in Mexico continues to claim our warm sympathy, and the reports he has furnished us of the condition of the several Mission Stations under his care have been encouraging. We rejoice in the liberality of our members, which has enabled us to contribute during the past year through the Foreign Missionary Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting four hundred dollars to be used in this field.

We would again commend Friends' Mission Work in