

and Elders last year, on the subject of the true baptism, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

The importance of daily reading the Scriptures in the family, and prayerful waiting on the Lord, had deeply impressed them. There was an increasing interest in the various branches of Church work. Owing to the large immigration into the western part of the State, including many members of our Society, there is an opening for Friends that probably exists nowhere else. Money is urgently needed to pay expenses of Friends travelling in the love of the Gospel, and to aid in building Meeting houses.

One of their members had been liberated as a Missionary to Alaska.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second day morning, in joint session with Hovnan Friends.

8th of the month and 2^d of the week

Friends assembled at the appointed hour

12. The following report from the Pastoral Committee was read. The work of the Committee for the past year was approved by the Meeting. The Treasurer of Men's Meeting was directed to pay \$600. or so much thereof as is requisite, to the Committee, to meet its travelling expenses. The Treasurer of the Women's Meeting was directed to pay to the Committee the sum of \$100. The present Committee was released, and John Nicholson, James Carey Thomas,

Joseph O. Elliott, Mary S. Thomas, Julia Valentine, and Sarah C. Harris, were appointed to propose to a future sitting the names of Friends to serve as a Pastoral Committee of this Meeting for the next year.

Our friend, Caroline E. Talbot, now in attendance at this Meeting, expressed a prospect of working with the Pastoral Committee, which was very acceptable to the Meeting.

Report of the Pastoral Committee

Baltimore. - A series of meetings was held in Baltimore, commencing on the 27th of First month, and continuing a week. The meetings were held every evening, and they were felt to be satisfactory and helpful. After they were ended, there was sufficient interest manifested to warrant the holding of after meetings at the conclusion of the regular First day morning meetings. These were continued every week till the Sixth month, when, owing to so many of the members leaving the city, they were discontinued. These after meetings were held in the simplest manner. Those who attended assembled in the lower room, in silence, and each, as they felt drawn, would briefly express in prayer or testimony what was on their hearts. We believe these meetings stimulated the religious life of the members. In the Spring two members of the Committee obtained a minute from the Monthly Meeting to visit its members residing in the city. The concern was carried out, and the visits were blessed. Weekly meetings have been held every First day evening during the summer by a member and his family who reside in the country. The neighbors around respond willingly to the invitation given them to attend, and manifest much interest in the meetings. Lake Meeting was visited in the Fifth month. A member of the Committee at Deer Creek visited Gunpowder neighborhood in Fourth month.

Federal Hill. - A two weeks series of meetings was held here in the Second month. The meeting was visited very frequently during the year. Several of the members of Federal Hill Mission have applied for membership, and been received in Baltimore Monthly Meeting.

Washington. - A member of the Pastoral Committee from Richmond visited this Meeting in the Twelfth month, and also held a parlor meeting at the house of a member. It was also visited twice in the Fifth and once in the Sixth month. Several Ministers from other Yearly Meetings attended the meeting from time to time.