

Black Creek. - A series of meetings was held at Berea in Eleventh and Twelfth months, 1886, for four weeks, in which M. A. M. Allen, from Ireland, took part when not engaged in other work. M. A. M. Allen also attended meeting at Black Creek and held one special meeting there. Elizabeth L. Comstock spent two weeks in this neighborhood in Second month. She attended three meetings at Black Creek, two at Bethel and one at Corinth, and also held three appointed meetings and four Bible readings, and three parlor meetings at Friends' Houses. A series of nine meetings was held in this neighborhood in the Second month.

Caroline E. Talbot and two members of the Pastoral Committee from Baltimore attended Virginia Hall Fair Meeting held at Black Creek from the 20th to the 23rd of Fifth month. Meetings were held each evening at Bethel, Corinth and Berea. Caroline E. Talbot also spent several weeks in this neighborhood during the summer, attending the regular meetings. On account of her feeble health, after a severe illness, she was unable to hold any appointed meetings. The members of the Pastoral Committee at Black Creek, with those appointed by the Monthly Meeting, have held regular meeting once a month, with one or two exceptions. In these meetings the needs of the work have been prayerfully considered. Special meetings have been held at each of the meeting houses, except Somerton, for the purpose of reading and explaining some points of our discipline. Nearly every family and member belonging to the Monthly Meeting have been visited during the year, and some of them more than once.

Somerton. - The Pastoral Committee have paid a number of visits to families in this meeting. In reviewing the work of the year, we find that forty-six visits have been paid to Meetings, and eleven series of meetings held during the year. The total amount expended was \$348.51; all used in paying the travelling expenses of members of the committee and those who have been laboring in

our Meetings the past year. We feel that we have cause to thank the Lord and take courage. The results of the work in our midst have been marked in the quickened life of our members and in additions to our Meetings. We have realized more than in any previous year, the value and importance of the of a Pastoral Committee, offering as it does an opportunity for the exercise of all the gifts which the Lord has bestowed upon his children. We would earnestly recommend to the members of the Pastoral Committee in all our Meetings, the coming together at regular times for united prayer, and the consideration of the work in their midst. At these meetings the needs of the congregation and members should be fully discussed and the required work divided. An accurate list of all the members of the meeting should be kept by the Secretary of the Committee, and from time to time read over, so that the Committee may be sure that no one is being neglected. In this way the gifts for Pastoral work, which are entirely distinct from preaching, will be developed and utilized.

In conclusion we would revive the words of "George Fox." And Friends, spread yourselves abroad, that you may be serviceable for the Lord and His truth. Love the truth more than all, and go on in the mighty power of God, as good soldiers of Christ, well fixed in His glorious gospel, and in His word and power; that you may know Him, the life and salvation, and bring up others into it.

On behalf of the Committee

Francis J. King
Julia Valentine

21 A statistical report of our Meetings was read, as follows:

Number of Members	907
" Males	437
" Females	470
" under 21 year of age	219
" of families	147