

and that the interest in this important branch of work has increased to a most encouraging extent. In Baltimore, where of course the field is larger, the Association has been thoroughly re-organized under the name of "Friends Association for Christian work." It has 16 active committees which are working in various ways and which report regularly to stated meetings of the Association. In the words of its constitution: "The object of the Association is to encourage and take oversight of such work already organized, as the workers desire to place under its care to initiate and carry on any kind of Christian, charitable, or Mission work which it may deem proper within the limits of the Monthly Meeting; to encourage the attendance and interest in Bible Schools, in the general meetings, &c., &c." Black Creek sends in a most interesting report: 186 Gospel meetings and 35 Cottage Bible readings have been held by members of the Home Mission Association. Four first day schools and one Bible class are under its care. The county Almshouse has been visited once a month and a large number of tracts has been distributed. Four persons have become members of our Society through the efforts of the Black Creek Home Mission Association. The report from Ashton also indicates an active interest in Home Missions: 15 members are engaged, and regular business meetings are held. An adult Bible class and First day school, a children's Mission Band that meets every other week, and a Mother's Meeting are among the most important branches of work done. The conversion of sinners is definitely sought and the results are encouraging. It will be remembered that Ashton, in common with Baltimore and Black Creek, are the only meetings which reported Home Mission Association last year. Richmond, whose report last year was that an Association existed only in name now reports an active Association, which has under its care a Bible class, a First day School, and a Saving School. Weekly visits are paid to the Almshouse and frequent visits are paid to prison. A large number of tracts and Bibles have been distributed, an interest is taken by most members in Temperance work, and a large number of Gospel Meetings have been held in City Mission Rooms, at the Almshouse and at the penitentiary.

Darlington reports an Association in which most Friends are interested. It has under its care an adult Bible class, a Mother's Meeting, a Sewing Meeting, a Loyal Legion, and a Band of Hope. Several men and women Friends are earnestly engaged in the Temperance cause, a new Association has been formed at Lincoln since our last report, which has a membership of about 14. It has under its care two Bible schools, with an attendance of about 30, a First day School which has a membership of from 20 to 25, and a Children's Mission Band. Quite a number of Friends are engaged in Temperance work.

A Home Mission Association has been formed at Somerton, which holds regular business Meetings during the year. Eight Gospel Meetings have been held by members, and a First day School, with an average attendance of ten, was kept up during part of the year. A number of tracts have been distributed, some visiting of families has been done, and some interest is taken in Temperance work.

The report from Bellefonte shows, that while there is no Home Mission Association, there is much valuable and earnest work being done by Friends there. Only a few members of Meetings are engaged in Mission Work, but these few seem to have been very faithful. Fifteen Gospel Meetings have been held with encouraging results. A Bible class and a First day School meet weekly, and the Prison and Almshouse are visited once a month. Two have become members of our society through efforts of our Friends here. Most members of Meetings take an interest in Temperance work.

Hopewell reports, "no Association." They have a Bible class, and most Friends are interested in Temperance work.

Patuxent has no Association: some Friends are actively engaged in Home Mission work. A Bible class, a First day School and a special class for colored people meet weekly, - a little is done in the cause of Temperance.

Curwensville and Hagerstown both report no Association. At Curwensville, a Bible School and First day School are held and some other work is engaged in.