

faithful labors in the extension of the work. The Meeting has directed the Treasurer to pay the sum of \$7.00 for traveling expenses. The Committee was continued.

Report of the Pastoral Committee

Those of us who had the privilege of attending the annual meeting of the Pastoral Committee, at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, will remember how the spirit of supplication and consecration was poured out upon us, and it was to be looked for as a natural result that the work of the year would be marked by increased zeal, and by the continued blessing of the Lord. Such we believe has been the case. We have again also to record with thankfulness the presence among us of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors have been profitable and stimulating.

Baltimore. - A series of meetings was held for ten days in last First month at Eutaw Street Meeting house, at which time we had the company of John P. Doulard from Canada. Owing to various causes, the meetings were not very large, but were felt to be times of refreshment and strength to those who were able to come.

In the spring a number of family visits were paid to the members of our Meeting by Dr. James Lany Thomas. He had the company and Gospel labors of Caroline E. Talbott, of Ohio, at the First and Fifth day meetings, while she was engaged in holding a series of meetings at Federal Hill. A number of ministers from other Yearly Meetings have, from time to time, been with us on First days.

A children's meeting, under the care of the Pastoral Committee, has been held each month, except during the summer. The attendance of these meetings were small, until thro' the kindness of some Friends, a stereopticon was purchased, by which pictures illustrating Bible truths have been shown, accompanied by a simple lesson. The attendance at once increased, and now numbers about a hundred.

Another important feature of the year's work in Baltimore Meeting, has been increased in the attendance and interest in the after meeting, held at the

conclusion of our First day morning meeting.

Federal Hill. - A three week series of meetings was held at Federal Hill in First month, at which time Caroline E. Talbott labored diligently in the preaching of the Gospel, and many, especially among the young, were blessed. A young people's Meeting was one of the outgrowths of this work. There is much cause for encouragement in the spiritual life, and the exercise of gifts among the members of this meeting, and their activity and zeal in Home and Foreign Mission work is cheering. A men's Bible Class was begun last winter, and is much enjoyed by the class and the teacher.

Lake. - Lake meeting has been visited three times by a member of the Pastoral Committee from New Creek. Two parlor meetings were also held at Mt. Washington. The attendance and interest of this meeting increased much during the summer, and a number who are not Friends have expressed the satisfaction and help they had gained from attending these meetings.

Washington. - Washington Meeting has only been visited three times during the year. An interesting Bible class was sustained during the year at the conclusion of the First day morning meeting.

New Creek. Samuel C. Mills, of Western Yearly Meeting, and a member of the Pastoral Committee from Black Creek, spent a week in New Creek neighborhood in the Eleventh month. They visited most of the families, and had three public meetings. It was also visited by a member of the Committee from Baltimore in fifth month, who attended the First day morning meeting, and had an appointed meeting at night. At the time of the Quarterly Meeting in sixth month, a number of Friends, members of the Pastoral Committee and others were in Baltimore attendance. In seventh month a member of the Pastoral Committee from Baltimore spent first day in this neighborhood, and an appointed meeting was held at night.

Bendersville. - Samuel C. Mills and a member of the Pastoral Committee from New Creek spent three or four days at Bendersville in Eleventh month, 1857, holding