

and many practical suggestions were given. Friends at Black Creek seem to be alive to the importance of Home Mission Work. They have held all regular meetings of their Association, which consists of about 26 Friends actively at work, 124 Gospel meetings and about 100 Mothers' meetings have also been held: some of the Gospel meetings and most of the Mothers' meetings being for colored people. Four First day schools and a Bible class are conducted by Friends, and quite a number are engaged in visiting families. It also may be noted that the County almshouse has been visited regularly, and that most of our members are engaged in Temperance work.

Ashton reports 6 meetings of Home Mission Association since last Yearly Meeting. A First day school with an average attendance of 25, and an adult class with an average attendance of 18, meet every First day. The almshouse and prison have been visited, and some Friends have been engaged in distribution of tracts. All are interested in the cause of Temperance and work has been done as the way opened.

The Association at Richmond, Va. appears to have done much valuable work. Their Bible school, First day school and Mothers' meeting have a good attendance, and all are doing more or less in the cause of Temperance. It is of interest to notice that much of Friends' time here is given to visiting jails and almshouses, and in reading and speaking words of cheer to the sick. Nearly all of the women Friends have been working with the "Women's Christian Temperance Union."

Sarlington Association reports an adult Bible class with an attendance of about 25. A First day school is to be started immediately after Yearly Meeting, and some Friends are now working in a Union Sabbath school. A Loyal Legion and a Sewing meeting are held during part of the year, and about 11 Friends are members of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union."

12 meetings of the Lincoln Association have been held since last report. A Bible school a Union Sabbath school under the care of Friends each

having an average attendance of about 20, and a Mission Sabbath school are held weekly. Some Friends are engaged in visiting almshouses and prisons, and a few tracts have been distributed. A Sundry Association has also done good work in mending and distributing garments to the needy.

A Home Mission Association has been organized at All-forti since last report of this Committee, and regular meetings have been held. It has under its care a Bible class and a First day school. The prison has been visited once a month; two Bible readings have been held, and a small number of tracts have been distributed. It is encouraging to note that 20 Gospel meetings have been held by members of Association, and that as a result of these meetings, three new members have been added to our Meeting there. Quite a number are engaged in Temperance work.

Somerton reports that the Association there has under its care 2 First day schools, and that 4 Friends are doing something in Temperance work.

There is no Home Mission Association at Curwensville, Patuxent, Washington or Hopewell.

At Curwensville there is a First day school, and some visits paid to the County Jail.

At Patuxent, Friends have a Bible class and a First day school, and something has been done in the way of Temperance work.

The Committee would call Friends' attention to the significant fact that in a large number of the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, the importance of Home Mission work is well set forth. Surely these, as well as the stirring words of Friends who have come to us from a distance, and spoken to us on this subject, should encourage us to put more zeal into our Home Mission work during the coming year. The \$100 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting for the use of this Committee we return, as it has not been used or needed.

Signed A. Morris Carey, Secretary

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