

that the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures is almost universal amongst our members, with a time for united worship. The meeting then went into joint session.

Women

35. The Minute on the state of society was read and accepted. The Meeting then assembled in joint session, in order to continue the reading of the reports from the various standing committees.

Joint Session.

36. The Report of the Home Mission and Bible School Committee was read. This report of the different kinds of Mission work engaged in had been deeply interesting to us, and we again commend this work to all our members. In order that the Home Mission work may be brought under the notice of our several Monthly Meetings to appoint a small co-operating Committee on Home Missions, which Committee shall act in concert with the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Committee, and shall also report to their respective Monthly Meetings, at least three times a year, and that the Secretary of each Committee shall be expected to present a full and detailed summary of the work of the year to the Executive Committee, before the time of holding the Yearly Meeting each year. Joseph P. Elliott, J. McNaull, Richard A. Rick, Clarissa Davis, Isabelle White and Lydia A. McNaull, were appointed to bring forward to our next meeting the names of Friends to form an Executive Committee on Home Missions. The Report is as follows.

Report of Home Mission Committee

The Committee has found it a little difficult to prepare a summary of answers to Queries this year which will fairly represent the condition of Home Mission work in our various Meetings, from the fact that with a few exceptions the answers have not been as full as it is desirable they should be. The Friends' Association for Christian Work in Baltimore has steadily carried forward its work during the year. While Friends are probably familiar with the different Branches of

work under its care, it might be interesting to note that the new magic lantern purchased since our last Yearly Meeting has been frequently used, and has proven a most valuable aid in conducting the Children's Meetings &c.

The Home Mission Association of Richmond Meeting presents a detailed report of what has been done by its members. They mention as first among their labors the mission work at the Chapel on "Church Hill" under the superintendency of Dr. J. Hawks. This Mission embraces a Sabbath School which is held on First day afternoon, followed immediately by a meeting for older people, and a prayer meeting which is held every second day evening. They have under their care a Mother's Meeting and a Viewing Circle. Friends are also interested in a Sailor's Prayer Meeting, and some have visited the jail and almshouse periodically. There have been about 92,000 tracts distributed, for most of which they are indebted to Samuel Morris and Ellen B. Gifford of Philadelphia, and to David Patience of New York. The report from Black Creek is brief, but as usual shows that Friends there are actively at work. They have had (12) twelve business meetings of their association and (137) one hundred and thirty seven Gospel meetings. They conduct a First day School and a Mission School, each of which has a very fair attendance. They report two Mother's Meetings, and state that some are engaged in visiting the almshouse and in other work of a similar character.

Ashten Friends report having had six regular meetings of their association. They also report a flourishing Bible class and First day School, and state that very much interest is taken in a Union Bible Meeting in temperance work and in a Children's Mission Band.

Friends Home Mission Association appears to have been engaged in active work since last report. Friends here have quite a large First day School, a Mission School, (at Seely's Springs) and a sewing Meeting which are all well attended. Some have been engaged in visiting the jail and almshouse. A new Association was organized at Horneth in Third Month last, about 20 Friends are engaged in Mission Work, and eight meetings of Association have been held. Twenty gospel Meetings have also been held, and it is believed that two Friends have become members of our society through the efforts of Home Mission Board. Friends here have a