

as in former years, with the exception of 7th, 8th, and 9th Months. The reports from the various meetings, and the consideration of their needs, have drawn out sympathy and prayer, and those who have been led from time to time to visit meetings have realized that they were not going simply upon their own individual concerns, but with the support of the Church at home. The condition of the meeting in Baltimore is cheering; for the Lord's hand has been laid upon some for service, and a preparation is going on, we thankfully believe, that will result in much blessing to our meetings here and elsewhere. The mid-week meetings are very well attended, and are occasions of much vocal service in the body of the meeting. The holding of the Monthly Meeting at night, during the winter months, still proves satisfactory; more than doubling the attendance of the men. First day morning meetings are large, and the after-meetings, held during nine months of the year, continue to be occasions of blessing. During the summer months a meeting is held in the parlor of one of our members whose summer home is near Blue Ridge Summit. Weekly meetings were held at Eaton Street Meeting House, for some weeks prior to the Yearly Meeting, in order that there might be an opportunity for united prayer for a blessing on the general work of the Yearly Meeting, and on its approaching sessions. Meetings for children have this year been held under the care of the Young Women's Christian Fellowship Union.

Amos H. Hill, of Indiana, visited a number of families in Second Month. Henry Stanley Newman, of England, spent a week in Baltimore in Fourth month, attending the regular meetings and giving three Bible readings. From time to time during the year we have had the acceptable company of one or more Ministers from other Yearly Meetings at our first day meetings.

Federal Hill: There has been a marked increase in the interest and attendance of the regular meetings, and a number have been brought to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Henry Stanley Newman held three meetings here in the Fourth Month. Lake: This little meeting has been visited several times during the year by a member of the Pastoral Committee from Deer Creek, and two or three times by members of the Committee from Baltimore. In summer, a number of members of other churches attend, and enjoy the simple manner of worship.

Washington: Members of the Committee from Baltimore attended the meeting at Washington, in the 1st, 5th and 6 months. Henry Stanley Newman had one meeting with Friends in the 14th month. The Meeting was

closed for the summer, on 6th month 15th, and reopened 10th month 5th, with a more encouraging outlook than usual.

Bendersville: A series of ten meetings was held at Bendersville in the 12th month, attended throughout by Sarah M. Hetherald, of New York, and part of the time by a member of the Committee from Calverton, and two from Baltimore. Thirty-six family visits were paid to Friends and others. Blessing rested upon the work, and the hearts of the little band who have been meeting together for more than a year were cheered and encouraged. In 1st month Amos H. Hill spent first day at this place, and visited families. Brief visits were also paid to this place by members of the Committee from Baltimore and Deer Creek in the 1st, 3d, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 11th months, at which visits one or more meetings were appointed, and visits paid to families. At all of these visits there was evidence that the message of the Gospel found an entrance into some hearts. The Meeting house begun last spring is about completed, and it is proposed to hold a series of meetings at the time of the opening of it. A number of persons have joined Friends in this neighborhood, and others are looking towards doing so before long.

Deer Creek: David E. Sampson, of North Carolina, spent about a week in this neighborhood in 11th month, 1889, holding meetings. Mary Ann Marriage Allen was also engaged in religious work in 12th month, holding eleven meetings, and twelve with the colored people. Both these Friends visited all the families. Amos H. Hill visited this meeting in 2d month. Henry Stanley Newman paid a three days' visit in 4th month. A visit was also paid in 3d month, and several members of the Pastoral Committee were in attendance at the Quarterly Meeting in 6th month. A member of the Committee spent several weeks in the neighborhood during the summer, and was helpful to the meeting.

Hopewell: The average attendance of this meeting, whose membership is widely scattered, has been larger than for some years, and there is a marked increase of interest in the Bible Class held after the morning meeting. At the time of the Quarterly Meeting in 9th month meetings were appointed at Rest, Burnt Factory and Welltown, where other places of worship were kindly offered for the use of friends; also a meeting on Second day afternoon, at Hopewell. Rufus P. King, of North Carolina, was in attendance at the Quarterly Meeting.