

Ashton be employed to advance its spiritual condition. Has been visited by Rufus P. King in 9th mo. who held his mltg. visited the Wickste meeting in the middle of the week & paid some family visits. Saml R. Nease and A. J. Lawrence intend being there on 1st day next. M^{rs} Thomas visited the meeting soon after the last mltg of the Committee - at the 1st day morning mltg about 70 were present in the evening over 50. - She also held a Gospel Temperance meeting - the interest there is increasing & average attendance on 1st day morning is about 40. - There is also a Bible Class & Day School every week.

Lincoln Lincoln was visited by D^r C. Thomas & P. Elliott. Wm Nelson D^r C. Winslow bmo 19 - two appointed mltgs were held one at Purcellville 1st day morning. the other at Lincoln in the hall.

The following account was directed to be inserted from the interchange giving the particulars of the opening of the new mltg. house.

Interchange
9/18. 1886

Many of our readers are aware that during the past year a new Meeting house for Friends has been built in Loudoun Co., Va., to supply the need of those members who desired the re-establishment of a meeting which had for several years ceased to be held, owing to emigration to the West, and other causes, some of them results of the late war. About two years ago, a renewed interest was awakened, and an earnest desire felt by the few remaining members that the ancient testimony and witness of Friends to the truth and efficacy of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, should be declared before the people. The Lord honored His work in those whose hearts were opened to the illumination of His Spirit, and many were enabled to testify in blessed experience, that the Gospel of Christ "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The little company met for a time in a hall at Lincoln, but various inconveniences, and some increase in members, made it necessary that a better place of meeting should be provided. Baltimore Friends and others joined heartily in the work, and a neat and convenient brick edifice is now finished, capable of holding about 400 people. On First-day, 5th of this month, this house was opened as a place of worship, and a large assembly of people attended. The weather was lovely, and many who could not gain entrance into the house, found comfortable accommodation on benches placed under the

windows and beneath an awning. It is computed that over 800 persons were present; several ministers and members of the Pastoral Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting were also in attendance. Some ministers from a distance, felt their hearts drawn to be present on this interesting occasion; John T. Dorland from Cleveland, O., and Rufus P. King from North Carolina.

On 2nd, 3rd and 4th days meetings were held at 10 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M., and on 5th and 6th day evenings also three on 1st day.

The words of the Lord's prayer were the first heard in the silence of the opening meeting, uttered by Dr. Jas. Carey Thomas. Earnest, fervent, stirring ministry flowed to edification, from meeting unto meeting. The attendance was large throughout, the interest deepening from day to day. Many hearts were reached by the message of the Gospel by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we believe covenants were entered into by many.

On Fourth-day afternoon some of the Pastoral Committee returned to Baltimore, and R. P. King left on Seventh-day to attend Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, held at Hopewell. A Children's Meeting was held on 7th day morning, and R. P. King had a meeting with the colored people in one of their churches, on 5th day night.

since the opening of the Meeting house a Free Day School & Adult Bible Class have been started which after a few weeks has numbers & steadily members are increasing. Visited on 6th day last by M^{rs} Thomas who hopes to go down again on 22nd inst. in which prospect she was encouraged. - Rufus King also visited mltg. 9 mo 13. - Several members of Committee there also attended.

Doer Creek Several members of Committee present there, attending Baltimore.

bm 21. - An appointed mltg was held 1st day evening -

Richmond Dr P. Elliott & M^{rs} Thomas attended Hopewell mltg 10 mo 4. Some appointed mltgs held - Rufus P. King also there - the 1st day morning mltg tolerably well attended - afternoon large, night small - appointed mltg 2nd day night 13th day morning - not well attended but good mltg - need of work & encouragement.

Eden Creek no report

Black Creek Rufus P. King attended & visited friends in this neighborhood in 9th mo and had good service.

Bellefonte Julie Valentine visited Thomas about two weeks there in 6 mo last. Held several social religious mltgs at friends houses and appointed mltg by invitation in Wickste mltg house at Unionville. M^{rs} Thomas had an appointed mltg in a Methodist Church at Pleasant Gap & paid a number of family visits.

Cumwinder D R H Thomas wife attended Drummys Creek 4 mo mltg at this place bmo 14. Had 3 appointed mltgs besides, paying some family visits - the mltgs are increasing in size, & no. of people taking part in them. - need encouragement.

Drumys Creek no report - John B. Parker visited the mltg & held bmo appointed mltg in 9 mo. at time of 4 mo mltg. M^{rs} Thomas and John Parker were appointed a Committee to assist the Cor. Secy. in preparing the report to the Y.M. which Committee shall report to a Special mltg of the whole Committee to be held on 7th day of the Y.M. at 4 o'clock.