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The Essay Meetings.

About 1867 or 1868 the younger Friends of Baltimore Meeting felt that there was need of more social intercourse among the members of the congregation, and to meet this need the Essay Meetings were held and continued through the winters of several years. They were held, I think, at first fortnightly, and then monthly, in the basement of the Meeting House, corner of Eutaw and Monument Streets.

The meetings were designed to be instructive as well as social occasions. The first part of the evening was devoted to the reading of original essays, or papers on literary or historical subjects by members of the meeting appointed by Committee of Arrangements. Once or twice, I think, there were readings from standard authors. Joseph Merrefield on one or two occasions read some original verses, one piece I recollect was on "Lake George", or as he called it, following the old French name, "Lac Sacrament". Others who took at different times were M. Alice Brooks, Mary Snowden Thomas, Dr. Edward Rhoads, of Philadelphia, Dr. Caleb Winslow, John C. Thomas and Allen C. Thomas. The latter part of the evening was given up to social intercourse.

These meetings in large measure fulfilled the purpose of those who were instrumental in getting them up, and the memory of them is altogether a pleasant one.

Allen C. Thomas.

Fourth month, 1st, 1905.

Following up a suggestion made by Dr. Carey Thomas in a conversation with him relative to the work at Light Street, T. James Hunter called a meeting of the young people of Light Street to be held sixth month, 10th, 1888. On this date a Christian Endeavor Society was organized as an avenue for the development and exercise of the spiritual gifts of the younger members and attenders of the Meeting, and the following officers were elected: Pres't, T. James Hunter, Secretary, Zora E. Pardoe; Treasurer, Henry Moller. Subsequently committees such as "Lookout", "Prayer Meeting", "Sociable", etc., were appointed to look after the various lines of work. Prayer meetings were held every 4th day evening. Business meetings were held monthly and followed by a sociable. The prayer meetings were opened by