

different members and seemed to be interesting and helpful. The membership increased in a short time from twelve to twenty-five. The meetings were held this way for about three years, then on account of small attendance the time of holding the prayer meetings was changed to 1st day evenings, 7:00 to 7:45, and the attendance ranged from ten to fifteen until 11th month, 26th, 1895, when the society was reorganized, and Henry M. Foster was elected president, and Phillip G. Schillinger, secretary. Since this time Phillip G. Schillinger and John C. O'Neill have served as presidents. The attendance at the prayer meetings has averaged about 20 members and visitors, the enrollment about 25. The business meetings are held as needed, and various committees appointed to look after the needs of and keep afresh the interest in the society and each other. A number of the young people have received spiritual strength through the Society, and their activities have been increased in the Monthly Meeting.

Mens Bible Class.

Federal Hill.

There were several Bible Classes connected with the Mission at different times in its early history, most of them for men and women both. The nucleus of this class, however, was a gathering of a few men, taught by Joseph P. Elliott, meeting in the small room on the left of the entrance of First Day mornings. An earnest desire to add to their numbers led to the organization of the class in 1893, with a President, Secretary and Treasurer, from their own number. An active canvass brought in new members, and faithful visiting of the absent ones each week, resulting in holding most of them. A collection was taken up each week for expenses, and in time of need help was sometimes extended to the members. The teacher and members exerted themselves to find employment for such as were out of work, and many devices were tried to interest the men and attract others to the class. The result was a rapid growth to a membership of perhaps seventy-five, and a frequent attendance of fifty.

Joseph P. Elliott's personal interest in each member was a large factor in the success of the class, so that his death was very deeply felt by the members. But the organization was such that the class held together remarkably well, and though not quite so large as at one time, has an average attendance now of something over thirty.

By request of the class, John R. Cary became the leader after Joseph P. Elliott's death, and occupies that position now.