

9mo. 1892. meetings was read and accepted. It was concluded that this meeting should request the Quarterly Meeting to grant it the privilege of suspending the regular meeting for worship held in Baltimore on First day evening, whenever the Monthly Meeting may deem it desirable.

Report of Committee on evening meetings. The committee appointed a year ago to consider the interest of the First day evening meetings, held several meetings, and decided to extend the notice of these meetings by means of printed slips, and advertising freely in the newspapers. The first method did not seem to answer very well, tho' it was tried. The second appeared to be more successful, at least for a time. The average attendance from 10th. mo. 11 to 12th. mo 13, not including of course Yearly Meeting First day or the evening of the Gospel Meetings held by Allen Gay and Charles A. Francisco, was a fraction under 42, the largest number being 59, and the smallest 28. After this there came the outbreak of influenza and the advertise-

9mo. 1892. ments were discontinued. The average attendance in 1st month was 33. In 2nd mo, not including one very stormy evening when only 8 were present, the attendance averaged 28. In 3rd. mo. a fraction over 35; in 4th. mo. it was slightly less, and it continued at between 25 and 29 till the meetings were discontinued in 6th. month.

It was very evident to the committee that the need of the meetings was that our own members should support them.

In accordance with this view, the committee addressed a printed circular to our members generally, asking them to attend the meetings as far as practicable. This circular produced no apparent effect. A large proportion of non-members made up the attendance of the larger meetings. The committee thought that had it not been for the epidemic of influenza that their efforts would have been more successful as to the attendance. It is believed it was generally felt that there was a decided increase in the spiritual life of the Meeting.