

## PHILANTHROPIC UNION.

Friends' Union for Philanthropic Work began Second-day at 3 p. m. with John W. Hutchinson, New York, as Chairman, and Florence L. Conrad, Philadelphia, and Sarah C. Matthews, Baltimore, as secretaries.

The delegates from the several Yearly Meetings responded to their names, then the report of the Executive Committee was read.

The report from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Philanthropic Committee showed a great interest had been taken in philanthropic work among their members, and much practical work had been accomplished, especially in the line of purification of the press.

Within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting little organized work was reported, but notwithstanding this, oral reports gave evidence of much individual work. Places of amusement and instruction for those of the poorer classes who were unable to supply such for themselves were provided; distributing flowers and papers among the children and sick; establishing homes for the aged people, etc.

Eliz. B. Passmore, Superintendent of Mission Work among women and children, forwarded a report, which was read by one of the secretaries. It was followed by a paper on the "Home Surroundings of Poor Children," written by Dr. O. Ed. Janney, Baltimore; also one by Harriet Cox McDowell, N. Y.

Both very instructive papers must surely open the eyes of many as to the work to be done in our large cities. Anyone driving up Fifth Avenue in his carriage could scarcely realize that but a few blocks away such want, filth and misery, could exist.

It was thought that a great deal of poverty was caused by the rush of all classes to the cities, and they were reminded that there was plenty of room in the country, and at least a good living for all who were willing to work for it.

Reference was made to the custom among some employees of not allowing employers to take apprentices or unskilled workmen. It was thought by

some that the Government could better afford to give them a trade than to support them in asylums and prisons.

Dr. Magill, Swarthmore, said, in speaking of workers among the poor, the corner-stones are already there but not put into the building, illustrating the great need of organized work in these lines of duty.

On Second day evening the remainder of the reports from the Yearly Meetings were read. The report on "Purity," by Mary G. Smith, Superintendent, was read, followed by a paper by Ed. B. Rawson, of New York, "Social Purity," suggesting many practical hints to parents, which, if carried out, would serve to raise the standard of social purity in the coming generations.

Laura H. Satterthwaite read a paper on "Philanthropy." Eli M. Lamb, Baltimore, gave a very interesting and instructive paper on "Demoralizing Publications," followed by an appeal for a more earnest and united effort to purify the press, by Isabella Tyson, Baltimore.

Here, as at many other times during the conference, there was a great lack of time for discussion.

Third-day morning's session opened with the prayer that as we go forth in our labors we may so act as to reach all in love. Then let us all be baptized this morning in that baptism—uttered by Allan Flitcraft, Philadelphia.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented and approved. It named the several members of the Committee for the ensuing two years. It also proposed the Superintendents of the different lines of work for the next two years as follows:

Peace and Arbitration—Isaac Roberts, Pa.

Temperance—Jos. A. Bogardus, N. Y.

Purity—Aaron M. Powell, N. Y.

Work for the Colored People—Anna M. Jackson, N. Y.

Tobacco and Other Narcotics—Jonathan K. Taylor, Baltimore.

Demoralizing Publications—Anna R. Powell, N. Y.