1864 At the Orphan Asylum there were thirty-five cases of measles and nearly as many cases of dysentery as there were children in the institution. Twelve of the Orphan children died. All remedies seemed utterly powerless against the malignancy of the dysentery, especially where the system, as was the case in most instances had been previously impaired by the measles. No pains or expense was spared in endeavoring to preserve their lives, and we were made to realize how weak and impotent are mortals, when God sees fit to commission the Angel of Death, to remove his creatures into eternity."

"The trial came upon us, too when we were illy prepared to bear the pecuniary burden it imposed. Including physicians bills, the cost of nurses, and expenses of burial, it would be a very moderate estimate to compute the increase of the debt of the Asylum at five hundred dollars. When and how this debt is to liquidated remains for the future to develop but the same alwise and gracious Providence which brought the dispensation upon us will doubtless, in some way, provide for meeting its results."

In view of the distressing picture of the condition and wants of the Orphans, and the Asylum presented by these letters the committee have made two remittances for their relief, from the income of the Indian Fund of one hundred and fifty dollars at one time and two hundred and fifty at another.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Joseph S. Walton
Catharine M. Smith

Baltimore 10th Mo. 31st 1864

The Representatives were requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and propose to the next the names of suitable Friends to serve this Meeting as clerk and assistant clerk for the present year.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

On assembling in the afternoon William B. Steer on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together as directed and were united in proposing Benjamin Hallowell for Clerk and Leoik Brown for assistant Clerk who, being separately considered, were approved by the Meeting, and the Friends named were accordingly appointed Clerks to the meeting for the present year.

The minutes of the proceedings of last yearly meeting were read.

The committee appointed last year to visit the Friends in Iowa who had made application for the establishment of a Quarterly Meeting, and judge of the propriety of granting the request and also to extend, as ability may be afforded such labor and care towards those distant members of the Yearly Meeting as occasion may seem to require, made the following report, viz;

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting;

The committee appointed to visits Friends in Iowa in relation to their application for the establishment of a Quarterly Meeting report.

That in the Fifth Month last, four members of the committee performed the contemplated visit and that the other four members were prevented from going at the time agreed on by indisposition and other circumstances beyond their control.

Those members of the committee who performed the visit, attended an adjourned meeting of Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting held at Wapsenonock, and the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders. They also attended a Preparative Meeting at Prairie Grove, as well as meetings for worship at both places and visited many of the families. These meetings were satisfactory and we thought there was the evidence of divine life felt in them. At that time there were within the limits of the two Meetings Prairie Grove & Wapsenonock