

or Monthly Meetings, the number of Friends children attending schools, and the number of Friends children attending schools, and the number of those who attend schools taught by Friends.

In order that these returns may be uniform and conclusive, -
the Clerks are directed to have suitable blanks printed for the purpose
and forward them to the correspondent of each of our Branch Meetings.

Our Quarterly Meetings seem also directed to have a census taken of the number of Families and parts of Families, — belonging to each of their respective Monthly Meetings, as near the first of the Fifth Month as practicable. The number of male and female adults, and the number of male and female minors, and forward the result thereof in their report to our next Yearly Meeting. Suitable for this to be provided by the Clerks, and forwarded as directed in the preceding minutes.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings for the last year were read, and its proceedings approved.

A committee now appointed to bring forward to a future sitting the names of scitalls, to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year; Thomas Russell, Thomas Hump, Eben Thomas, Thomas H. Matthews, Wm C. Harland, Shep. and Fred. Wm Russell, Jesse Cook, Nathan Smith, Wm Williams, John D. Sutton, Joseph Nichols, Wm J. Smith, Philip Warner, Amos Pugh, Maria Pyles, James Ward, Wm P. Fisher, Benjamin H. Walker, Joseph M. Spencer, Seder Underwood, Thomas Askett, Edwin Vanier, and Milton Price, who now direct to report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Standing Committee on the Indian Concerns presented the following report, which was read, and was satisfactory, viz:

No Ballroom Party Meetings:

The Standing Committee on the Indian Bureau, report;
that we have continued diligent through the past year in attending
to the important interests entrusted to our charge in relation to our
greatly enlarged Red Brethren and Sisters. The field of our labors since
our last reports has been greatly enlarged, and the duties much increased
in complexity and responsibility; but in conjunction with the Trustees
of ^{the} other Yearly Meetings, with which we are in correspondence, we can have
confidence faithfully to meet all the requirements, trusting for direction

and strength in their accomplishment, to the Dispensers of every blessing.

A statement of the joint labors of the six Yearly Meetings, entitled—
Memoranda, was printed last Fourth Month, and extensively circulated
among Friends, and a report is now being published of the recent visit of a—
(Delegation of Friends from New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore Yearly Meetings,
to the six Indian Agencies, consolidating the Northern Superintendency, in the
State of Nebraska, all of which are under the charge of our Friends, with
Samuel M. Larnsey as Superintendent.

These publications render it unnecessary for the Committee to make any report on the subject at this time. Previous the general interest taken by our members in the Indian question, which it is gratifying to witness, has induced them to keep informed upon the current events in Indian affairs.

We are ^{glad to be} able to state, that the proceedings of our Superintendent and Agents, have thus far been very satisfactory to the Indian Department, and that the Commissioner of Indian affairs, has cheerfully and promptly rendered every aid allowed by law, to benefit the Indians, and facilitate the exertions of the Superintendent and agents to promote the comfort, interest and welfare of the Indians.

We think there is great cause for encouragement and hope in regard to our Red Brethren. Our observation and experience induces the abiding belief, that these elements in the Indian character, through which by kindness, industry and tact, they may be raised to any plane of civilization and enlightenment that is proposed for them. It will be a work of time and labor, but it can and ought to be done. If the present kind and just treatment of them is continued by the National administration, great progress toward that most desirable end, will be made at an untold cost.

It is a significant and encouraging fact, that all religious societies, and all kind-hearted, and humane people, seem now to be pleased, that right and justice may be extended and secured to the Indians, and that they shall be protected from that awful extermination, which was but recently — impending over them.

For all of which there is great cause of thankfulness to the
Universal Father, for disposing the Hearts of our people in favor of His
Red Children.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Committee

Patience Dec. 18th Dec. 22^d 1867.

Benjamin Haskell, Secretary.

P.S. We would respectfully inquire, whether, in consideration of our greatly increased debts, and necessary expenditures, the Yearly Meeting, could be willing for the Committee, to draw on the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, for the sum not exceeding three Hundred Dollars to aid in the efforts for the —
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