

1883.

Loss and gain of Membership.

Meeting	Gain.				Loss.				
	Births.	Certificates.	Convincement.	Gain.	Deaths.	Resignation.	Removal.	Disownment.	Loss.
Baltimore Quarter	4	9	1	14	20	3	2	1	26
Warrington "	4			4	7				7
Fairfax "	2		2	4	7	1	6		14
Nottingham "	9	15		24	10	3	9		22
Centre "			1	1	5	1			6
	19	24	4	47	49	8	17	1	75
					Total gain,				47
					Net loss,				28

Twelfth.

Friends are generally careful, as far as practicable, to place their children for tuition under the care of suitable teachers in membership. One report, however, states, Friend's children attend the public schools provided by the state.

21. A memorial of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, approved by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, concerning our deceased Friend, Lydia C. Stabler, was received from the Representative Committee, read and approved. Brief and feeling tributes to the memory of the deceased were tendered by a number present. It was directed to be signed by the clerks, and returned to the Representative Committee to be recorded.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

1883.

Fifth of the Week, 1st of the Eleventh Month.

Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

22. Michael Offley, on behalf of the standing committee to record the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, reports the service performed.

23. The standing Committee on the Indian Concern made the following report, viz.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

The Standing Committee on the Indian Concern, reports; that during the past year our labors have been principally confined to aiding the Indians at the combined Santee, Mandan and Ponca Agency, in Nebraska. We have long felt the necessity of securing to the Indians permanent titles to their homes, in order that they might be encouraged in the arts of civilization and self support. To that end, Friends and others have been laboring for years past.

The Santee Sioux Indians, in common with the entire Sioux nation, either residing on their Reservation or elsewhere, were entitled, under a Treaty made with them in 1868, by the United States Government, to patents to their lands so soon as they were able to comply with the Articles of said Treaty. They were required to occupy the lands for three years previous, and to have made improvements thereon to the value of 200.00.

During the latter part of the last year, Agent Lightner made application in due form for a patent for one of the Santee Indians, but the application was refused. We investigated the matter, and found that if the Indians took homesteads under the Treaty of 1868, they thereby become actual citizens of the United States, and could at any time dispose of their lands, which, of course, would have been very disastrous to many of them.

We then, with the assistance of the officers of the Department at Washington, prepared the following Bill as a