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In conclusion, we may say, that Friends have great cause to be thankful for the improvement manifested in the condition of the Indians of the combined Santee and Flandreau Agency. And we feel that much credit is due to our worthy Agents, Isaiah Lightner for the able and efficient manner in which he has conducted the work.

On behalf of the Committee.

Cyrus Blackburn.

Clerk.

Which was read and approved. The Committee was encouraged to embrace every right opportunity to labor in behalf of this oppressed but deeply interesting people.

24. The Committee continued by the Meeting last year to labor in the cause of Temperance, produced the following interesting report, which was read and fully united with. The committee was continued and encouraged to earnest labor, as way may open, to advance this righteous cause. The sum of two hundred dollars is appropriated for the use of the committee the coming year, and they are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the same:

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Baltimore, 10th Mo 30th, 1883.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee on Temperance, continued last year, has labored to advance this interesting and important testimony, we trust, with some degree of success.

The work to be accomplished is, however, a great one, and the progress towards its completion seems slow.

But when we consider the advances that have been made in the last few years, we are encouraged to press on, not doubting the eventual triumph of the cause.

At the close of our last Yearly Meeting, the committee held a meeting which was largely attended and much life and interest manifested. We organized by the appointments of the usual officers with a view to practical work.

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In some of the Monthly Meetings, cooperative committees have been appointed, and where this has not been done, efforts have been made both by individuals and in connection with other Temperance organizations. Our early predecessors in the Society of Friends, manifested great earnestness and zeal in maintaining the rights of the people to legal protection from all oppressive measures on the part of their fellow men. In the same time we feel called upon to use every right endeavor to remove the sanction of law from a traffic which works such fearful desolation and ruin to individuals and families, and entails great burdens upon the State.

In Pennsylvania, where the Legislature has been in session, numerous signed petitions have been presented, asking for a prohibitory amendment to their State constitution.

In several places regular meetings have been held to advance the Temperance cause, and in order to cultivate the public mind and bring it to a proper appreciation of the importance of the work, a large amount of Temperance literature has been circulated. We have enlarged this part of our work during the past year, believing it to be one of the most effectual means of working.

Many copies of Dr Richardson's text books have been