

1884. effort was made on their part under the direction of this Committee.

Delegates were appointed to attend the Philanthropic Union held during Ohio Yearly Meeting and some of them were present on that occasion.

Of the appropriation of One hundred dollars made for the use of the Committee, Seventy five dollars and ninety two cents have been expended.

In view of the magnitude of the work placed in charge of this committee, its varied nature and the wide field of operations necessary to be gone over, together with the fact that considerable investigation was necessary before intelligent and effective labor could be performed, it was not to be expected that it would much more than perfect an organization during the first year. That it has not done this in all the Monthly Meetings is to be regretted, but there is a deep interest felt by many Friends in this work and an earnest desire on their part to labor for the advancement of the important concerns that the committee has in view. With a more thorough and more general organization of the Committees throughout the Yearly Meeting, we are not without hope that the close of another year substantial results may be shown.

That that great Christian testimony of Friends, as old as the Society itself is making progress in this country at least, could not be more surely evidenced than by reference to an address made recently by a prominent aspirant for the position of Chief Magistrate of these United States. Public men are not as a rule the manufacturers of public sentiment, but rather its exponents; let us then hope that the day is not far distant when all differences between individuals and nations shall be settled by the Christian rule of Arbitration instead of its opposite; that of contention and force. We extract from the address alluded to as follows.

"Very respectable members of the Society of Friends have spoken to me in warm commendation of the proposition for a peace congress of American nations, as originally

1884. designed under the administration of President Garfield. Such a movement as that I consider myself to be the basis of a sound and wise foreign policy. We seek no intervention in the struggles and contentions of European governments, but we do seek expansion of trade with our American neighbors, and, as a prerequisite thereto, we seek friendly and peaceful relations with all the countries of North and South America. We seek more than that. We desire not only to be peaceful and friendly with those nations, but we desire that they shall be peaceful and friendly with each other. I confess that I can imagine no more impressive spectacle than would be presented by all the nations of the new world meeting at the capital of the great Republic and solemnly agreeing as between themselves that war shall cease, and that every difficulty that may arise shall be submitted to impartial arbitration for just and friendly settlements. Almost every republic of North and South America has indicated its desire to meet in such a Congress in the City of Washington, and every instinct of justice, every consideration of philanthropy, every teaching of Christianity suggests that such a Congress should be held, though it would embrace in its membership only the nations of America. I confess I could wish no prouder distinction for the United States of America to have than to initiate a movement that might, in the wide sweep of its beneficent influence, incorporate a principle of friendly arbitration as a prominent part of the international code of the world. Without intermeddling in the affairs of other nations we can exert upon them an influence of lofty example, and commend to them a policy based on the eternal principles of justice."

The Yearly Meeting having referred to our Committee at its present session, the subjects of the welfare and condition of the uneducated white and colored people in some of the Southern States, the same was weightily considered by us and we have now to report, that we have appointed out of our own body a sub-committee, as follows: Sarah J. Miller, Jonathan K. Taylor, Darlington Hoopes, Cyrus Blackburn, David W. Branson,