

1892 occasional reports from her and they are all of an encouraging character and evince a deep interest in the work. We have forwarded a full supply of articles needed by her and which must greatly assist her in her duties. We sent her last Spring a liberal quantity of garden seeds and this month dispatched the usual donation of presents for the children at Christmas time. Literature has been forwarded to a number of the Indian Schools and "Scattered Seeds" is regularly sent to the Santees.

Report of Committee on Indian Affairs
We have had several interviews with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs during the past year, one of which was in company with the late Field Matron at the Santee Agency. Marie L. Steer, who desired an opportunity to meet certain charges brought against her by Agent Helms. Her explanation seemed to satisfy the Commissioner that the charges were frivolous and groundless, and he offered to reinstate her at Santee or transfer her to another Agency which we might select and continue her in the Service as Field Matron.

She, however, declined to re-enter the field at that time and has not since occupied any official position amongst the Indians.

In considering the bearing or effect of our recent labors on behalf of the Indians, it might seem to some that they are unimportant and not worth the effort being put forth. But we feel that the influence of Friends in connection with other workers for the uplifting of the Indian is potent for good. Friends have always been recognized, both by Government and by all Religious bodies as fully identified with philanthropic labor on behalf of the Indians and although our expenditures of money at this time are small and our field of labor contracted, yet to withdraw entirely would take from the work a moral force that would seriously be felt. We therefore feel encouraged to hold ourselves in readiness to enter into every practicable avenue of usefulness, either independently or in co-operation with others, on behalf of those of the Indian race now remaining amongst us.

As will be shown by the report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, we have expended in our work during the past year, \$255.90, and that a balance on hand of

1892. unexpended income of \$489.54.

On behalf of the Committee,
Joseph J. Janney, Clerk.

Baltimore, 10th Mo. 29th, 1892.

18 Reading of Epistles
The two remaining Epistles, — those from Ohio and Indiana, — the former held for the first time, this year, in joint session — were now read and their contents carefully considered.

The encouraging report of active work done and the messages of brotherly love from those distant Yearly Meetings, denoting a more improved condition of those Branches of the Church, was felt to be stimulating and strengthening to us, and we were confirmed in the feeling that though separated by time and distance, we are still one people, of one common faith, and recognizing in the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Meeting re-assembled, near the time adjourned to.

19 The Joint Central Committee on First-day School Work laid before the Meeting their Annual Report, giving much valuable information of the Schools under the care of our Monthly or other Meetings, and of the work done during the year, together with suggestions as to improved methods of work, especially with the youngest classes in the Schools, and also lessons drawn from the Teachings of the General Conference at its late session at Lincoln, Virginia, in Eighth Month last.

Report of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Central Committee on First-day Schools.

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The Central Committee on First-day Schools have, since