

1894 The report, upon being read was considered, was united with by the Meeting, the labors of the Committee approved and the sum of Two Hundred dollars as suggested, was ordered to be placed to their credit for incidental expenses during the ensuing year.

15 The Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Indiana and Illinois were read at this time.

The reading of these, as well as those read at the morning session, show that our brethren within the limits of other Yearly Meetings are actively and earnestly engaged in the work of practical Christianity along the lines of labor enumerated in these several Epistles.

Without transacting any further business, an adjournment was had to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day Morning, Tenth Month 30th, 1894

16 Upon convening at 10 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, the Meeting entered upon the consideration of the moral and spiritual condition of our Religious Society, as evidenced by the answers brought forward by our Quarterly Meetings to the Twelve Annual Queries, as prescribed by our Book of Discipline.

After proceeding as far in this order of business as the consideration of the Fourth Query, inclusive, during which time the Meeting was deeply exercised for the maintenance of certain of our fundamental testimonies embraced in these Queries, the subject was continued to another session, and the Meeting adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Near the time adjourned to, the Meeting re-assembled.

17 The Representative Committee laid before the Meeting the record of the Minutes of their proceedings during the past year.

1894 The Minutes were read in full, united with, and the various acts and proceedings of the Committee, as shown by the report, confirmed by the Meeting.

18 The Joint Standing Committee upon Indian Affairs submitted their report for the year just closed, showing their care and oversight of some of the Indian tribes formerly under the official care of persons nominated by this Yearly Meeting; also the labor performed by the Committee as opportunity presented, and facts and suggestions as to future labor in this line of work, as may open therefor during the ensuing year.

The report was read, united with by the Meeting, and the Committee encouraged to further labor in any proper manner for the betterment of the condition of those Indians who are especially the object of our care, as opportunity may be afforded.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.
To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Indian work has drawn quite moderately upon the resources of the Committee, both financially and physically, since the last report, although the subject has had all possible attention and in some of its aspects has induced serious reflection.

There has been very little change in the condition of the Indians during the past year and it seems to us quite plain that there might have been, under intelligent and competent management, a more decided improvement, at least in their environment.

An attempt was made by the present administration to place all Agencies, wherever possible, under the charge of Army Officers. This has been found to work unsatisfactorily in many instances and it looks now, as though the policy is to be abandoned.

There has been a disposition on the part of the Indian Bureau to discourage the further extension, if not to abolish altogether, the Government Contract School System. Under this method a School established and