

8⁵ By the death of our dear Friend Achsah Carter, it became necessary to make a change of Superintendent the first of Fourth month last; and Joel W. Miller, and Elizabeth, his wife, were employed at the rate of \$650 per year. Agreeably to the direction of last Yearly Meeting, the Committee have made some improvements. The old barn has been taken down and rebuilt in a substantial manner, at a cost of \$861³⁵. Some repairs have been made about the house, and other improvements in the way of fencing, &c. are in progress.

On examination of the financial condition of the concern, there appears to be a balance in favor of the School, estimated to the close of the present quarter (last of this month), of \$2070.80 which amount is included in balance due from the Department of the Interior to that date. The crop of the present season, which was tolerable good, and the stock on the farm, are additional assets belonging to the concern. We have very recently received notice from the Council of the Shawnees, that they desire to terminate the contract under which the School has been maintained, at the close of the present quarter.

Most of the children in the School are orphans, many of them without home or friends to take care of them if deprived of a home at the Mission. The Committee, therefore, feel the importance and necessity of endeavoring to maintain a school or asylum for such children, to such extent, at least, as can be sustained by the farm.

On behalf of the Committee.

Francis J. King, Clerk

Baltimore 10th mo. 17th. 1868.

15. The following Report was received and read from our Committee on Peace, with the two papers referred to in it. Our friend, Daniel Holt, President of the General Committee, was present and made some interesting remarks in further explanation of the objects and progress of the Association. We continue to feel deep interest in the cause, and again earnestly commend it to the attention and care of our members. Our Committee was directed to report to this Meeting next year.

At a meeting of the "Baltimore Standing Committee of the Peace Association of Friends in America," held in Baltimore on the 20th of the 10th month. 1868 Daniel Holt, President of the Association was present, and laid before the Committee two very interesting reports; one, of the proceedings of the Executive Committee of the Association, and the other of the movements and action of the President and Secretary. These reports are transmitted herewith and will show for themselves what has been done, and how much interest has been already awakened in the great cause of peace, by spreading documents and giving lectures on the subject.

While way has not yet seemed to open for much action on the part of our Committee as a whole, one of our number has delivered four addresses on the subject of peace, and our Executive Committee have attended all the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Association except one.

We would report that the quota of \$500 assessed to this Yearly Meeting

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last year has been paid, two members of the meeting having contributed one hundred dollars apiece. Embracing, as this undertaking does, the extension throughout the Christian world of one of these distinguishing tenets of our Society, which has ever been, and we believe ever should be, very dear to us all, viz. "Peace on earth and good will to man," the Committee feel that they cannot communicate so earnestly to the serious consideration of the meeting, the report which we lay before it; trusting they will animate us all to increased efforts in this great cause. We propose to hold a meeting upon Peace during the Yearly Meeting week, to which the public will be invited.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Committee.

A. B. Crenshaw

John C. Thomas

16. The Minutes of the Meetings for Sufferings were read & approved, from which we extract the following interesting reports:

Report of the Executive Committee of BALTIMORE Association of Friends to aid and advise Friends at the South.

We herewith present the detailed Reports of our Treasurer and of the Superintendents of Education and Agriculture.

Both Departments of our work have been conducted with efficiency, and the results are of the most gratifying character. We now sustain 40 schools, numbering 2588 scholars. The Normal School embraces 40 teachers and 56 advanced scholars, who design to follow teaching as a profession; they are collected together for two months during the summer vacation. There has been a steady advance in the character of the Schools, and in their influence upon the neighborhood in which they are located. Our Superintendent of Agriculture has been busy the past year erecting the dwelling house and barn, and in preparing the land for cultivation. He has, however, found time to establish Farmers Clubs and give a general stimulus to improved agriculture.

Our President has visited nearly all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in this continent the past year, and received liberal contributions to our work. London and Dublin Yearly Meetings have also opened subscriptions. The latter has remitted £500. He has also visited North Carolina four times since last report. Our North Carolina Friends continue to board the teachers, and pay for books, leaving the salaries and incidentals to us, which average \$300 per school, about \$12,000 per year, to which is to be added the cost of the Agricultural Department.

With the good crops of this year and the spirit and industry manifested in the work by our North Carolina Friends, we propose