

619 to make the Schools self-sustaining after the close of the Scholastic year upon which we have just entered.

We propose, however, to continue the Agricultural Department and the oversight of the Schools, including the pay of the Superintendents, for several years to come.

We cannot close our Report without expressing our regret in parting with our Superintendent of Education, Joseph Moore, who has filled his responsible and arduous position with so much ability and devotion. Our best wishes go with him to his new position as President of Earlham College, Indiana. We have appointed our valued friend Allen Jay, to take his place, and he will enter upon his duties in a few weeks.

On behalf of the Committee.

Francis J. King President

Report of the Committee upon the colored population

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

The Committee to aid the colored people report: That they have continued to co-operate with "The Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People," for the past year.

The labors of that Association have been arduous and constant throughout the State, and we are pleased to find that Friends have borne a liberal share of the expense and work, showing continued interest in the cause.

Last year the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore adopted the City Colored Schools as a part of its excellent system of general education, and they have been re-opened by the City with an increase of Schools, teachers and pupils.

The care and expense of the 76 County Schools still fall upon the Baltimore Association, and were it not for liberal aid from the North, and from Friends of England and Ireland, they could not be sustained upon their present extended and efficient basis. The colored people themselves have contributed about \$19,000 the past year towards the support of the Schools as follows:

Paid Board and Wages of 76 Teachers in the Counties, and fuel and light for the School Houses; Support of 28 Private Schools in the City, and \$1. per quarter to the 14 City Public Schools. 12,500.00

Paid for Books in the Counties 3,000.00

Paid by a majority of the County Schools as a Missionary Fund in aid of feeble Schools 3,588.73

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This is the second year they have made this contribution, and it may be taken as a proof of their appreciation of education and their ability to add to the welfare of the State.

578 The Normal School building has been completed and the School is in successful operation under its efficient Principal and Assistant. There are 65 pupils in the Normal Class and 60 in the two Model Schools attached to it.

We again regret to state that there are about seventy School houses vacant in the counties, for the want of funds to pay teachers. These houses were built by the colored people themselves a year ago, and were referred to in our last report. A Committee of four, two of them Friends, had an interview with the Special Education Committee of twenty-five at Annapolis, last winter, and pressed upon them the adoption of the County Colored Schools into the State system of education. They also presented to the Legislature a Memorial upon the same subject, signed by several thousand of our citizens.

The Committee was kindly received and fully heard, and though the Bill failed, it received a large vote in the House, and we hope that another effort at the next session will be more successful.

Table of Statistics

69 Schools in Counties, under care of Baltimore Association.	2800 Pupils
20 do " " " " of Freedman's Bureau	500 "
12 Schools in City, 28 Teachers, under care of the City	750 "
28 do " " Private	360 "
1 do " " Industrial	60 "
1 do " " Normal	126 "
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We have had placed in our hands for distribution by the Correspondents of the Yearly Meeting, two valuable Addresses from our Friends of London Yearly Meeting; one "To the Colored Inhabitants of the Southern States of North America, recently Emancipated from Slavery," and the other "To the Landed Proprietors in the Southern States of North America, and more especially to those whose Negroes were Emancipated by the late War."

The former Address was read in four Colored Church Conferences, embracing the States of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia - also, in a General Conference of the Colored Church of the South, at Washington. Copies were freely given to the Ministers, to be read and distributed to their congregations. The Address was received with marked favor, and elicited warm expressions of obligation to Friends of England and Ireland for their Christian interest and material aid.

The Address to the "Landed Proprietors" has been distributed to a limited extent, but we trust its sound views have reached many persons of position and influence.

On behalf of the Committee.

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Baltimore, 10th mo 15th 1868