

opened to hold one, which was held on 4th day of this week in Baltimore, for the purpose of explaining Friends' views on the Scriptures, Worship, Ministry, Influences of the Holy Spirit, Baptism and Communion, which we believe was generally satisfactory.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

John Scott

Julia Valentine

17. The publication of a new edition of our Book of Discipline (the old one being about exhausted) claimed the attention of the Meeting, and the subject was referred to the Meeting for business, with directions to report to this Meeting next year such revision of it as they may deem advisable.

18. The following Report was read and approved, and the Subordinate Meetings are directed to raise their quotas, (\$300) and pay them to Isaac Brooks, Jr., Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account report, that they examined the same and find it correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$377.90; and recommend \$300 as the sum to be raised next year.

For the Committee,

M. T. McKelvin.

19. The following Report from our Peace Committee was read and approved, and our Treasurer was directed to pay to Friends' Peace Association \$250, as proposed in the Report.

The Committee on Peace report that no way has opened for active service within our limits the past year. We submit the Report of the "Peace Association," and recommend that our quota of \$250 be paid to the Association.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. Crenshaw

M. T. McKelvin.

Report of the Executive Committee on Peace.

To the acting Committee on Peace of Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends: -

In Submitting our Second Annual Report, we gratefully acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father, for his continued blessings to us of health and ability to work, although in an humble way, in this important part of his great harvest field.

We feel indeed, that in this branch of the Master's work, "the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." But we trust that the many prayers that are being put up to the Lord of the harvest, "that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest," are not in vain. The evidences of a growing interest in the cause of Peace, are, almost daily coming to light, both in this country and Europe. A recent writer in the Herald of Peace, who was nearly five years in the Army in the late bloody conflict in this country, says, "I feel a debt of gratitude to the Herald of Peace, I can never repay, in having shown me, how very inconsistent with the Christian profession is an advocacy of any war! The world wants an interpretation of Scripture that knows no glory save that in Christ - that knows no honor but that of serving him. That shall know no boundaries, no country, no peoples. We fall short of comprehending the grandeur of Christianity, when we can halt at imaginary lines crossing a country. There is something yet to be attained, that shall envelope all the people of the earth in a common brotherhood, under all circumstances, that is love! Christ's love."

Another man, who was a Captain in the Army, sent an order for tracts and documents on Peace, saying: "he thought the present a favorable time to circulate them."

The American Peace Society has been revived since the war, and is now actively at work distributing Peace literature, and through a number of Agents, lecturing and spreading light on this great subject. And, although not taking the same high ground that we do in relation to all war, is, no doubt accomplishing much good.

There are one or two other Peace organizations in this country, and several in Europe, actively at work, "scattering the living coals of truth." The Secretary of the London Peace Society has recently been elected a member of Parliament, and several other Peace men are also in the same body, and brought this question prominently forward, when canvassing for seats. An international Peace League has been organized in France, which embraces many eminent men, not only of France but also of Germany and Switzerland. All these are cheering indications of progress, and cannot fail to encourage the friends of peace everywhere, and exercise a healthy influence on public opinion. It becomes Friends, who, as a religious body, have always borne a testimony against war, not to relax their efforts in this work because others are coming up to their help, but rather to work with renewed energy and vigor. "For as much that ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." The Executive Committee met in New York in the Fifth Month last, and appointed the following officers for the year 1873: