

visited the families composing the Meeting of Curwensville; attended the Half-Year's Meeting of Virginia, held at Black Creek in fifth month, and appointed a public Meeting at Franklin; and imparted such advice and assistance as they were enabled to impart. We are united in the belief that the appointment of a Committee to visit our Subordinate Meetings continues to be much needed.

John Scott
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17. The following report upon General Meetings was received and read, and the Committee was continued for further service, as way may open, to report to our next Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in General Meetings report, that a General Meeting was held at Deer Creek, in 6th month last. Two Meetings for the explanation of our Christian views - on Worship, Ministry, Baptism, and Communion - were held in seventh day, and two Religious Meetings on first day. The weather was favorable, the attendance large, and much interest was manifested. We believe good resulted, and we recommend the continuance of a similar Committee for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee,

John Scott
Deborah C. Thomas

18. The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, placing before us the many interesting subjects which have claimed its attention and care the past year. We approve of their proceedings, and encourage them to continue their labors.

Report of Committee on Colored Population.

To the Meeting for Sufferings.

"The Committee upon the Colored Population report: They have continued to co-operate with the 'Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People.' 72 Schools have been sustained in the Counties, by the Association, the past year, at an outlay of \$28,000. The total disbursement of this Association since Emancipation, has been about \$190,000, contributed by a few individuals in the City of Baltimore, by the Freedmen's Bureau, and by friends of the cause in England, Ireland, and the North.

"The Association closed its labors at the termination of the school year, in the 6th month last; believing that the

time had fully come to throw the responsibility of the Education of the Colored People upon the authorities of the State, where it properly belongs. This course was, indeed, a necessity, from the fact that no further pecuniary aid could be had from the Bureau, and the receipts from other sources had been greatly curtailed. We believe, however, that the Association has laid the foundation of an excellent school system for the Colored People, and that most of the schools will be sustained by them.

"The Committee, by direction of the Meeting for Sufferings, presented an earnest appeal to the Senate and House of Representatives of Maryland, in the third month last; that provision be made for the Education of the Colored People, as a part of the State system. The memorial was printed by both Houses, and published, as a part of their proceedings, in the Journal, and by the Press generally.

"An amendment to the School Bill was passed, appropriating to the support of the colored schools the educational taxes paid by the Colored People, and such additional amounts as the County Commissioners may grant them.

"Two or three Counties made small appropriations, not enough to materially aid the schools.

"As the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States will go into practical effect in our State next month, for the first time, it is believed that the numerical strength of the colored vote in half the Counties will be so great that their political status will secure them schools.

"The City of Baltimore (which has a separate public school law) continues to act with liberality and efficiency in providing schools for the Colored Population.

"There are 13 City Primary and Grammar Colored Schools, 1,621 pupils on roll - 2,591 having attended during the year - the expense to the City being \$26,322 the past year, and \$30,000 has been appropriated for the ensuing year.

"The Baltimore Colored Normal School continues to receive the attention of the Committee, three of whom are members of its Board of eleven Trustees. The number of pupils the past year, 206; Primary, 24; Intermediate, 31; Male Grammar, 46; Female Grammar, 37; Normal, 68.

"The expenses were \$4,550; receipts \$3,840; deficit \$710. \$1,896 of the receipts were from the pupils. The deficit this year will be about \$3,000, as the Freedmen's Bureau and several Freedmen's Associations at the North, will cease to contribute.

"Over 70 well-qualified teachers have been sent out from this school to the Counties of the State, and there is a constant demand for them. There is a library of over one thousand volumes.