

in the building, for the use of the scholars, and they highly appreciate it.

"In Virginia, Public Free Schools are now being established throughout the State, and it is required by law that an equal proportion of the School fund shall be appropriated to the Colored Schools, according to population.

"We herewith submit a report from the Half-Year's Meeting of Virginia, upon the Colored Orphan House at Richmond. On behalf of the Committee.

Baltimore, 10th mo 22^d. 1870

Richard M. Lantry
John B. Orenshaw
Francis T. King.

"At a Half Year's Meeting of Friends in Virginia, held at Richmond, the third of tenth month, 1870, the following minute in reference to the Orphan House for Colored Children was sent up from Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to the Meeting for Sufferings.

"The account of the Treasurer of the Committee in charge of the Orphan House for Colored Children has been settled before your Committee. We find since last report; which was made first month, 10th, 1868, at which time the Treasurer was in advance \$250.30, there has been received by him \$ 3,022.37 And expended as per vouchers 3,009.00 Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands \$ 13.37

"There have been maintained in the Institution an average of thirty orphans. Thirty have been bound out; one of whom has been taken back on account of cruel treatment, and five have died. A School has been kept in the building, which all of the Orphans that were old enough attended, the School having an average attendance of 85 scholars, and was supplied with teachers by Friends of New York and the City of Richmond. The City has rented the School room for the ensuing year, and established one of the free Schools therein, which the Orphans have the privilege of attending."

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid.
John B. Orenshaw, Clerk.

Indian Report

"The Committee on Indian Affairs submit herewith the First Annual Report of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends, being a brief review of the work, with much interesting Statistical and general information concerning the tribes under their care. We would call special attention to the earnest appeal which

it makes to our Society for moral and religious support.

"Our Yearly Meeting has been represented at all the Meetings of the Associated Executive Committee the past year - at Philadelphia in the first month, Damascus, Ohio, in the fifth month, and at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, in the eighth month; also, at most of the numerous Meetings of the Committee on Legislation at Washington.

"The appointment of a General Agent to the Committee, whose time is divided between the Superintendency and Washington, has proved to be a wise step.

"Our Superintendent, Enoch Hoag, has had added to his other duties, the Superintendency of the Southern Superintendency. While the details of its agencies will not devolve upon him, his position will, nevertheless, be one of increased responsibility and influence, as President of the Legislative Council, which represents a constituency of 45,000 of the most civilized Indians - the Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Cherokees, and Seminoles, and such tribes as are now or may hereafter be located in the Indian Territories.

"There have been many reforms in Indian legislation the past year, and the new policy of the Government works well in the face of difficulties brought to bear against it in its first year by interested parties. We believe it has averted a general Indian war, and secured justice to Tribes which have long suffered from the rapacity of the whites.

"Requisitions have been made by the Committee upon the several Yearly Meetings for their respective quotas of \$7,000, for current expenses and outlays; \$2,000 of which was paid last year - leaving \$5,000 to be raised this year."

On behalf of the Committee

Francis T. King,
Jas. C. Thomas.

19. The Committee on Peace presented the following report; it was approved of, and our Treasurer was directed to pay to the Association our quota of the \$5,000 proposed to be raised for the purposes of the Association the ensuing year.

The Committee was continued.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Peace herewith submit the Annual Report of the Peace Association of Friends in America.

They believe the work is growing in importance, and that the management has been so perfected that more influence is likely to be exerted in the future than has been in the past. They recommend that the Yearly Meeting raise our share of the \$5,000 appropriated for the coming year.

John C. Thomas, Clerk of the Committee