

Third Annual Report of the Secretary of
The Peace Association of Friends in America.
To the Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:-

The Executive Committee met at Richmond, Indiana, on the 4th of the present month.

R. L. Murray was re-elected President,
Daniel Hill Secretary and Murray Shipley Treasurer.
The work for the past year has been mainly in the hands of
the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
Since last report, we have had the following documents stereotyped, (viz:)

Whelpley's Letters to Governor Strong	186 pages
Churches of Christendom responsible for the	
Continuance of the War, by Thos Chase, M. D.	16 "
A Bloody Record, by John Ashworth	1 "
Can Christians Fight with Carnal Weapons?	19 "
What is War?	10 "
The Books our Children Read	6 "

As a knowledge of our Association spreads through the land, the demand for our publications increase. Large numbers of orders have been received and filled for Tracts to read and circulate, by persons outside of the Society of Friends. 1,800,000 pages of Peace matter have been sent out from this office, between one and two hundred thousand of which were illustrated Tracts for Children.

Some of these Tracts have been purchased from the American Peace Society, Boston, and some from the New York Tract Association of Friends; but most of them have been our own publications.

Feeling that Ministers of the Gospel of the different denominations need to have their attention called to this subject; an arrangement was made last Fall with the American Peace Society, by which it was agreed that our Association should supply the ministers in the following States, viz: Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and all the Southern States except Missouri. The American Peace Society those in all the other States and Territories. There are in the territory assigned to us, probably not less than 30,000 ministers. We have obtained the names and address of large numbers of them, and are supplying them as rapidly as possible. We send to each one about 200 pages of selected matter, that amount will pass through the mail for two cents. Thus far we have supplied 333 Congregational Ministers, 784 Baptist Ministers, 252 Protestant Methodist, 143 Free Will Baptist, 54 Unitarian Congregational

Ministers, 1649 Protestant Episcopal, 200 Universalists, 1208 Methodist Episcopal, and 476 German Reform - Total, 5100. Large numbers of ministers were supplied in a miscellaneous way before this arrangement was entered into.

A number of ministers have written to the Secretary, acknowledging the reception of the documents, and expressing their hearty approval of the object of our Association, their sympathy with the cause of Peace, and some have expressed a willingness to work in the cause, and requested tracts to circulate among their members. We have heard of several instances, where the minds of persons have been changed by reading our publications.

Deeply sensible that a living speaker is a powerful agent for awakening and instructing public opinion, we have employed R. W. Douglas, of Wilmington, Ohio, and N. G. Hubbard, of New Vienna, Ohio, as traveling agents and lecturers. R. W. Douglas entered upon the duties of his office on the 15th of 10th month last; but owing to sickness and death in his family and other causes, has only been in the field a part of the time. He has lectured in Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, Iowa, and North Carolina; one of which was, by invitation of the members, before the Legislature of the latter State. His reports mention several instances of a change of opinion, as a result of his labors, on the part of prominent persons. One man said: "I gave three sons to the Rebellion, and would have given six more if I had had them, but you are right, your arguments are unanswerable." A minister in Goldsboro, North Carolina, said: "I raised a company for the Confederate Army, but now I see it all in a different light - that it was all wrong." A great many commendatory notices have appeared in the local papers where they have spoken.

N. G. Hubbard, who was formerly an agent of the American Peace Society, entered upon his duties as our agent, on the 3d of 9th month last; and has been actively at work ever since, except two months in the summer, when, with our consent, he worked for the American Peace Society.

He has lectured in Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. Fifteen of his lectures have been in or near colleges. He reports that some of his most deeply interested audiences have been among the students of colleges, who seemed glad to get information, and disposed to investigate the subject. Several college libraries have been supplied with Peace books, all of which have been thankfully received. He has also put in circulation about 250,000 pages of tracts, sold several volumes of books, and received considerable money by donation, from those who were