

became solemnly impressed with the fact developed by the fearful struggle, that the masses including professing Christians, and indeed many of our own members, needed to be indoctrinated in Peace principles and to be shown that war, under any circumstances, is unlawful for Christians, both by the example and precepts of our Divine Master and His Apostles, as well as by the early Christian Church.

This feeling led to the organization in 1867, of The Peace Association of Friends in America.

The Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, appointed standing Committees on Peace. And since the organization of Kansas Yearly Meeting, it has appointed a similar Committee. Each of these Committees have appointed two of their members to constitute the Executive Committee. Since our last report from 2,908,000 pages of Peace Matter have been sent out from this office. The total number of pages put in circulation since our organization is about 20,000,000, beside several hundred copies of Dymond on War, Whelply's Lecture, and Sumner's Oration. Thus furnishing about half a page of Peace Matter to each inhabitant of the United States. We now issue monthly 3,700 copies of the Messenger of Peace, about one-fourth of these go outside of the Society of Friends, mainly to Ministers of the Gospel, many of whom have become interested in the cause of Peace through its agency.

Efforts have been made during the past year to organize Auxiliaries Associations in Local Societies, through the limits of the different Yearly Meetings, and embracing both Friends and others, who were willing to work in the cause in co-operation with the Committee. This tends to widen the field of operations and greatly increase the number of workers.

These efforts have only been partially successful. A number of Local Societies have been formed, but in very many places even among Friends, no interest seems to be taken in the cause.

Only two Agents have been at work the past year, in the employ of the Committee, and these only part of the time. Jacob S. Willits, of Ireland, N. J., has been at work mainly with his pen preparing matter, and procuring its publication in Religious and Secular newspapers, in different parts of the country, thus bringing the subject before a class of readers not so easily reached in any other way. He has also prepared a memoir of William Ladd,

intended especially for children, with a view to interest them in the cause of Peace. It makes a book of 148 pages. He has also furnished many valuable articles for the Messenger of Peace.

Isaac Green, of Southage, Mo., has been diligently at work for several months past, traveling from town to town, mainly in the States of Kansas and Iowa, delivering lectures, organizing Auxiliaries Societies, calling upon Ministers and other influential persons, in the places visited, selling books, distributing tracts, and obtaining subscribers to the Messenger of Peace. We have reason to believe that the Lord is blessing his labors to the furtherance of the cause.

Several of our tracts, both plain and illustrated, are especially adapted to children, and we have tried to get children interested, both in reading them and circulating them among their young companions.

In the early part of this year John Hemmenway, a Congregational Minister of Brighton, Maine, sent us the manuscript of a work he had prepared, entitled: The Daily Remembrance on Peace and War. We were so well pleased with it that we had two thousand copies printed. It makes a book of 216 pages, and as a new valuable addition to our Peace literature.

Several new Tracts have been added to our list the past year. One entitled, The Twin Daughters of the Hoe and the Sickle, by Oliver Burritt, 8 pages. The Portraits of the Destroyer, 10 pages, prepared by myself, mostly from statistics by Thomas Dick. Want of Inquiry, 8 pages, being extracts from Dymond's Essays. Peace Making 8 pages, from Thomas Chalkley. Educate the Children, 8 pages, by Jacob S. Willits.

In some portions of the Southern States there seems to be an increasing demand for Peace publications, and we think both the Messenger and Peace Tracts, are doing good service in that land, so recently desolated by the scourge of War.

The indications are that great progress has been made in the past few years, in favor of International Arbitration instead of War, for the settlement of difficulties that may arise between nations.

A Conference was held at the Hague the first of this month, for the furtherance of this object.

While we believe that the principal work of our Association is to bring prominently forward the religious bearings of the Peace question, we rejoice at every indication