

23^d of the month and 4th of the next.

Friends met at 10 o'clock in joint session.

14. The London General Epistle was read to our comfort and instruction, and that its valuable counsel and clear religious teaching may reach our absent members and others, we appointed Joseph P. Elliott, John C. Thomas and Francis White to have 800 copies re-printed, and forward them to our extra-annual meetings for distribution.

15. An appeal to our fellow Christians in war, issued by London Yearly Meetings was read, setting forth in clear language, the true Gospel laid of peace as we maintained by the Society of Friends.

In order that this valuable paper may reach the community at large, we direct the Committee on the printing of the General Epistle, to have 800 copies re-printed for distribution.

16. The following interesting report from the Secretary of the Black Association of Friends was read, and our Treasurer was directed to forward to M. Morris White, Treasurer, the sum of \$160.00, our proportion of \$200.00, to be raised for the work of the Association this year.

17. The following interesting report from the Belts Association of Friends was read, to encourage them to continue their interesting labors at the South, and commend the cause to the liberality of our members.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Belts Association of Friends, to advise and assist Friends in the South, submit the following report:

When the receipt of funds from Friends of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings (by the annexed statement), with the request that our Association would take charge of the disbursement of these funds for educational and missionary purposes in North Carolina and Tennessee, extending the disbursement over three years, our organization resumed more active work. Two of our number attending North Carolina Yearly Meeting one year ago, and conferred with their Committee on Education and on missionary work and one of our Committee recently visited the

Friends' field in Tennessee.

Samuel S. Blair, who has been connected with our work from the beginning as a teacher, was appointed superintendent of education in North Carolina, and entered upon his duties immediately, in connection with the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education and missionary work. His services for the past year have been very satisfactory to us in all respects. From his detailed report, we submit the following summary:

Number of schools under his supervision	51
Teachers	58
Schools making a full statistical report	47
Enrolled pupils in said schools	2164
Average attendance (short school terms in many cases)	1256

Amount received from the Belts Assn. for school purposes only	1930.58
Amount from Bible School funds	1464.92
North Carolina friends	805.43
Other sources	469.50
Average monthly pay of Teachers	21.57

The salary of the superintendent S. S. Blair and his colleagues, have been paid out of other funds than those of London and Dublin.

Our friends of New England & New York Yearly Meetings have maintained eight schools in North Carolina and this Yearly Meeting has supported two teachers in East Tennessee.

It required much care and time to organize the schools in a systematic manner, as the superintendent had to visit the scattered neighborhoods of Friends and look up the children as well as satisfy himself of the qualifications of teachers.

The schools are now so well arranged, that we shall hereafter with the funds in hand be able to increase the time of holding the schools, and in some cases raise the grade of study. We hope also to aid in the erection of a few new Meeting Houses where they are much needed.

Our aim has been in every department of our work, to supplement the efforts of North Carolina