

The Epistle Committee presents Epistles addressed to London, Dublin, Canada, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa & Kansas, which were read & approved. The Clerk was directed to sign, transcribe & forward them.

- 29 The Committee to which was referred the subject of changing the time of holding the Yearly Meeting, that the Lord Jesus has been felt to be with us from session to session, as the head of our assembly, that our hearts have been closely united together as brethren, & that the work of the Church in saving souls has been precious to us - & now that we are about to separate, may our experience during the coming year, the blessing of our Heavenly Father, the keeping power of our Savior, the comfort of the Holy Ghost & the fellowship of believers.

It was concluded, to meet next year at the same time & place - if the Lord permit.  
Francis D. King, Clerk.

Report of the Baltimore Association of Friends to Advise and Assist Friends of the Southern States.

It has not been thought necessary for any member of the association to visit the schools in the South during the past year, as an active correspondence of our Superintendent, Dr. Glass, & others in North Carolina, & with Dr. Cairnes & others in Tennessee, together with the experience of former years has enabled us to form an intelligent opinion of the ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> in the different localities & distribute the funds in accordance with the views of the donors.

The total amount expended the past Quinquennial year ending 9th month 1st 1879 for educational & missionary purposes was \$2900.82, of which \$1264.43 was in North Carolina, & \$1636.39 in Tennessee.

The educational grants were in all cases made to supplement other efforts, mostly in extending school terms.

We have given Dr. Cairnes interesting report of work in Tennessee in full, to show the character & progress of the Superintendent of Schools in North Carolina renders no monthly reports, & his statements & those of Friends travelling in North Carolina, represent the condition of schools to be very satisfactory. There are 40 schools under his care in North Carolina.

We also have encouraging reports from nearly all the Friends' schools in East Tennessee, & of Dr. Cairnes' work, Maryville Normal & Educational School, of which O. L. Spragg is Principal, has 25 pupils enrolled with a number of others expected. This institution has a high reputation, & the scholars take great pride in the success of the school; those who are unable to pay do all they can toward working out their tuition. There is also a good religious feeling manifest as there has been in previous years.

Added to the amount of \$34.07 has been added to the English Fund, & the salary & the travelling expenses of the Superintendent have been paid out of the Fund.

Several of the other Yearly Meetings have done good work in North Carolina & Tennessee, the past year.

The amount remaining in the hands of our Treasurers is sufficient to carry on the work upon the same scale next year & to provide what is needed during the following year.

We propose to grant some aid next year toward building meeting-houses, making the payments after the buildings are under roof.

Francis D. King, President  
John C. Thomas, Secretary.  
Baltimore 9th month 1st 1879.