

their testimony to the distinctive Gospel which calls us forth as a Church. Their Bible School and Missionary Board, and Tract and Educational Committees have extended their operations more widely than ever before, and Friends have evidence that their work has been blessed by the Lord.

North Carolina Epistle notes the fact that their Yearly Meeting was held in Tennessee for the first time. The command of the Lord to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, is dwelt upon, and the vital importance of the presentation of sound doctrine by our ministers. Friends gratefully acknowledge the help received through the Baltimore Association for educational and other interests. They realize the importance of Bible Schools, and of home and foreign missions, and desire to do all that their circumstances permit in these fields of service.

This Friends mention the blessing which attends the sittings of their Yearly Meeting. Satisfactory reports have been received from the Committees on Freedmen, Temperance and other branches of Christian work. Their membership has been increased, and they trust that there has been a corresponding growth in spiritual life.

Indiana Friends express a deep concern for the careless and indifferents among their own members, whom they long to see fitted to take their places in the fields already white with harvest. The work of their Evangelistic Committee has been very gratifying. Ministers have been more closely united and have felt encouraged in their labors. Meetings without ministers have been cared for, and hundreds of precious souls have been gathered into the Kingdom of Christ, and many of them unto our religious society.

Western Epistle considers their Yearly Meeting as a season not only of labor and deep concern for the prosperity of the Church and the salvation of souls, but also of great spiritual

favor and rejoicing. The Epistles from other Meetings, and the presence of brethren and sisters from all distances, were helpful and encouraging. Conformity to the world in our society and extent of sin in the nation at large gave Friends much concern. They decided to unite with North Carolina Friends in mission work among the Cherokee Indians in that State.

Iowa Friends say that they have enjoyed the fraternal greetings from other Yearly Meetings, and they desire that all may cherish the injunction of our blessed Lord, "Continue ye in my love." Increased zeal and earnestness were manifested for the conversion of sinners and the building up of the Church, as well as for the better education of their children. The attendance was large and the meetings were greatly blessed to many souls.

Kansas Friends urge that the preciousness of Christ and fellowship is only realized by those whose hearts have been cleansed from unrighteousness by the blood of Christ. Their voice is to find in the Epistles recurring that the Church is giving no uncertain sound in the behalf of our faith in the spiritual life of the Gospel. Education has claimed much attention. They highly appreciate the excellent system of public instruction, but there is a growing desire felt to encourage schools in which children may receive a more guarded religious training.

The 14th Annual Report of the Peace Association of Friends in America was read to our satisfaction, and our Treasurer was directed to forward to M. M. White, Treasurer of that Association, \$100 as our contribution to the work. It is as follows:

25th of the week and 3rd of the month.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes were read with the minutes from subordinate meetings, and the following summary was adopted to represent our present condition as a meeting: