

been such as to cause renewed thankfulness to our Heavenly Father. They feel it to be very encouraging to the laborer while serving or waiting to watch with humility the growth of Christ's Kingdom as God alone gives the increase. A spirit of harmony had marked their deliberations and the meetings for gospel teaching and testimony had been helpful and refreshing to many.

Iowa speaks of their appreciation of the epistles received as reviving the feeling of unity with their brethren on both continents. The Lord's favor was felt in the Yearly Meeting in the conversion of sinners and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon believers. Their labors in the Temperance cause were spoken of and their thankfulness for the overwhelming adoption of Prohibition in their State. Friends are more than ever interested in higher education, and Penn College is very prosperous. Kansas refers to the responsibility resting upon them in the right ordering of the affairs of the church. Widely scattered as their members and meetings are, there is increasing interest in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and a longing for a better preparation of heart, and a greater endowment of power. A number of Indian Friends were present and the work among that people is prospering. The progress of Temperance in Kansas has been very encouraging, and it is believed that the law will soon be made more effective. About \$1500 had been raised for the Home Mission and Evangelistic Committee, and it was encouraged to see that its work is followed by pastoral oversight. They refer with much interest to the recent Educational Conference held in Kansas.

- 10 The Minutes of the Representative Meeting were read and approved, & this meeting being informed by the Clerk, that a vacancy had occurred in its representation in that body, by the death of our friend, Samuel Way Jr, we appoint John L. Thomas, John B. Levenshaw, Zachariah McNeal, and George L. Scott to nominate to a future sitting a suitable Friend to fill the vacancy.
- 11 A proposition having been made to apoly the bequest of our late friend, Sarah Lane, \$164, to White's Manual Labor School, Indiana, for the benefit of Indian children, the subject is referred to our friends James L. Thomas, and Francis J. King, members of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian affairs, with full power to act in the case.
- 12 The report of the Peace Association of Friends in America was read to our satisfaction and our Treasurer Isaac Brooks Junior was directed to remit \$100 to W. M. White, Treasurer of the Association. Fifteenth Annual Report of the Secretary of the Peace Association of Friends in America.

To The Committee on Peace of Baltimore Yearly Meeting;

Dear Friends — Through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, I am enabled to report that the cause is making progress, and every year gaining

accessions to our ranks. The eyes of Christians are being opened to see that war under any and all circumstances, is so utterly at variance with the spirit and precepts of the gospel, so unmistakably out of harmony with the character and kingdom of the Prince of Peace, that it should no longer find shelter in the church of Christ, or apologists or defenders among his ministers. Statesmen of high position and influence are beginning to seek for some other and more reasonable and less barbarous means than war to settle National and International differences. The working men, especially in Europe, are beginning to realize that the burthens of war both for men and means, fall with crushing weight on them, without any compensating advantages. Women are beginning to see through the flimsy gauze and tinselry of war, and to see further, that the burning and raring of arms for the army, to be made food for shot and shell, and to rot in foreign battle fields, or breathe their lives away in noisome prisons or lonely hospitals, untended by kith or kin, and die alone or in the presence of strangers, is a grievance, which they should no longer be called upon to bear, and that they have a much higher and holier mission in rearing and training soldiers for the army of the Lamb. I am glad to believe that our own Association has done its share, in diffusing the glorious gospel light which is such good fruit to grow. I most assuredly believe that the peace work is the Lord's work, and that his blessing has, and does rest upon the feeble efforts which we are making to hasten the day when "Nation shall not lift up sword against Nation, neither shall they learn war any more." There has been within the past year a very cruel and barbarous war raging between some of the South American States, which proves that civilization has not stripped war of its barbarous features. At present a war cloud overshadows Egypt, in which England is involved, which owing to European complications, may spread and involve several other nations before it clears. Owing to the fact that the funds have been very short for the past year, I have not been able to issue any new books or tracts. We have, however, a pretty fair supply of most of our standard Books and Tracts still on hand. From this stock I have sent out on orders since my last report, 99,700 pages of tracts, and 98 bound volumes. The matter contained in the "Messenger of Peace" which is issued monthly has been equal to 1,125,000 pages of tracts, thus making without counting the books, 1,222,800 pages of matter. Many of the bound volumes and some of the tracts have gone to colleges and Literary Institutions where young men are engaged in investigating and debating the question of peace and war. I have reason to believe that much and lasting good has been done in this way. I have received from all sources since my last report including \$30 then on hand \$168.01, and have paid out for office, rent, light, fuel and postage collecting mail list of the "Messenger" monthly, and on