

printing, folding, stitching, trimming "Messenger" &c, \$170.90. Balance due me at this date \$3.89 and there is \$43.43 due on printing the "Messenger".

The following is the Treasurer's statement.

Balance on hand 8th mo. 4th, 1881

Received from Iowa Yearly Meeting

\$388.06

200.00

\$588.06

Paid out on orders of Secretary

578.20

Balance on hand 8th mo. 11th 1882

\$9.86

It will be seen that we have worked on a smaller amount of capital this year than ever before. I have tried to observe the most rigid economy in carrying forward the work, receiving scarcely any compensation for my services. I suggest that your Yearly Meeting raise \$150. to aid in the work. A very interesting and profitable National Arbitration Convention was held in the City of Washington on the 30th & 31st of Fifth mo. last. I forward herewith a copy of the resolutions adopted at that Convention. It is gratifying to know that nearly if not quite every President of the United States since the war has favored Arbitration.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Daniel Hill Secretary

New Vienna, Ohio, 8th mo 4th, 1882.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

24th of the month and 3rd of the week.

Friends met at 10 A.M.

- 13 The Queries and the answers from the subordinate Meetings were read, and the following summary was adopted to represent the the present state of the Meeting.

Summary of the Answers

1st Answer - All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held except two for Discipline in One Monthly Meeting. Those on First day morning have been attended by most of our members: those in the evening and middle of the week have been neglected by many: some lack of punctuality mentioned in one report - unbecoming behavior generally avoided.

2nd Answer - Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other, becoming our Christian profession - tale bearing and detraction have been discouraged, and when differences arise and become known, endeavours are used to end them.

3rd Answer - We believe most Friends endeavour by example and precept to bring up their children and those under their care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in that plainness and simplicity of life which the Gospel requires. They endeavour to guard them against

reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures.

4th Answer - Our testimony to a Free Gospel Ministry is generally maintained.

5th Answer - With a few exceptions Friends maintain our testimony against all intoxicating liquors, and avoid drinking houses and demoralizing places of diversion.

6th Answer - The necessities of the poor are inspected and when aid is required, relief is afforded.

7th Answer - Most friends children have been placed at school, and when practicable, in schools under the care of Friends.

8th Answer - Friends bear a testimony against Oaths, Military Services, clandestine Trade, Prize goods, Lotteries and Slavery.

9th Answer - We believe most Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. They avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or engaging in hazardous or speculative trade. We believe they are just in their dealings and generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

10th Answer - Care has generally been taken to deal with offenders seasonably and when done, it has been impartially, and in the spirit of meekness and love.

11th Answer - William Aiken a Member and Elder of Patuxent Monthly Meeting, died 16th day of 8th month 1882 aged 72 years. Isaac Miller a Member and Elder of Centre Monthly Meeting died 18th day of 10th month 1881, in the 79th year of his age. Samuel Way Jr. a Member and Elder of Dunning's Creek Monthly Meeting died 27th day of 3rd mo. 1882 in the 64th year of his age.

12th Answer - Two Indulged Meetings have been established in Lower Monthly Meeting, Virginia, one at Corinth, held on the first, and one at Belhel on the third, First day of each month, at 11 A.M.

In entering upon the consideration of the state of our Religious Society within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, prayer was offered that the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon us, that the spiritual needs of the people may be met, and they may be called into service for the building up of the Church. Meetings for discipline form a very essential part of the organization of our Society, and regret was expressed that the attendance is so small. We have frequently in these minutes dwelt upon the importance of this subject, and we would again earnestly and tenderly invite our members to its prayerful consideration especially those who love their Lord and yet have not made a full surrender of their hearts to Him. Our Religious Society is peculiarly adapted to the recognition and development of spiritual gifts, and of recent years many avenues and opportunities have been opened for their exercise.