

This hall is a very imposing building and all the rooms are spacious and convenient.

"Founder's Hall" as the old school building will now be called (120 x 110 ft) has been enlarged by the addition of a thousand story, a portico at the main entrance and a wide piazza at the west end adjoining the girl's parlor. The first floor contains the business office, parlor and chamber for the Superintendent and his wife (the Matron) a museum, library room and lunch and cloak room for girls who are day students and a girls sitting room 34 x 27 feet where they will meet for evening reading and devotion and at other time when they are collected apart from the boys. The stairway has been removed from the hall and a new and beautiful one built in what was the brick area now an extension of the hall and connecting this building with the dining room in the rear. The two upper stories of Founder's Hall are used as dormitories for the girls and they have been made very complete and attractive.

The brick annex, 39 x 60 feet, containing the kitchen and the dining room has been almost rebuilt. A thousand story has been added and the dining room enlarged extending across the building with windows on both sides: a large pantry has been provided and the kitchen improved and furnished with modern cooking utensils and range. On the second floor there are chambers and bath rooms and the servants have been provided with good sleeping apartments. The dairy and store room for provisions in the basement well lighted with a cement floor is a great addition to the comfort of the household. The sheds around the kitchen have been removed and a separate brick laundry has been erected. All the buildings have been furnished with new school and house furniture of the best kind. A kitchen & well have been added to Prof. Woody's cottage and the dwelling formerly occupied by Dr. Mendenhall has been refitted by Prof. Hobbs.

The old barn which was in a dilapidated condition has been taken down and a new one is being built in a much better position.

The Farm of 200 acres is in good condition and of great advantage to the school.

## Financial Statement.

We made an effort to raise the sum of \$2,000 of which \$12,000 was to be expended on <sup>buildings</sup> furniture, and school apparatus & \$20,000 was to be invested as an endowment fund. Such a fund is necessary as the charges for tuition and board have to be low at the South and the increased and improved accommodations of the school will add to the expense of conducting it. It will be seen by the following statement that we have received \$22,906.05 and spent \$18,402.80 leaving a balance of \$4,503.25 which will be reduced to about \$1,000 after paying for the improvement of the grounds around the school buildings a new barn and school apparatus. We should spend \$1,000 on books as the school greatly needs a good library and \$1,000 for a work shop tools and a steam engine of 8 horse power for pumping water and sawing wood, the only fuel to be had, but it would reduce the endowment lower than is possible. The engine would be an important object lesson as its principals and use could easily be taught to every scholar. We hope the day is not distant when we can introduce some instruction in the use of tools as a part of industrial education which is much needed at the South. We hope too in time to build up a scientific department at the school, and place Friend's school at New Garden in a position to give the children of our society at the South the education and position to which they are entitled.

The success of this work is largely due to the untiring efforts of energy and good judgment of its Superintendent Jesse M. Bundy and his excellent wife the Matron Mary Jane Bundy and to the Trustees of the school who have been increasing in their efforts to carry out our plans. The Yearly Meeting too has shown the greatest interest in all these improvements donating their large fine brick Meeting House for school purposes and building at their own cost a new house elsewhere.

A Yearly Meeting showing such effort and interest for the education of their children and that has increased its Meeting from 28 to 55 and its membership 2,500 to 5,425 since the war certainly deserves the co-operation and aid of their brethren elsewhere when we consider what they have suffered for their testimonies against slavery and war and the great difficulties under which they labor.

Francis T. King Pres. J. C. Thomas Secy. Isaac Tupper Treas. Jas. Barry Thos. Jos. Cary J. White Caleb Winslow Dr. P. Elliott. Balh. 11<sup>th</sup> 74<sup>th</sup> 83.