

Christ; let us walk worthy of Him.

Love is the precious bond of discipleship. It is the fruit of the Spirit; it is not of ourselves, and is only maintained as individuals and churches rest in Christ. Its absence brings most painful distrust and jealousy. Suspicious and harsh judging, destroy the Church. Put the best construction on all that a brother says or does, and go to him for explanations before speaking to others unfavorably. May the Lord preserve and keep his Church from dissension and disaster, in the unity of the faith, and in the knowledge of the Son of God, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

- 28 The following report from the Peace Association of Friends in America was read, and much feeling and interest was expressed in the faithful maintenance of our Christian testimony to the unlawfulness of all war under the gospel, and our Treasurer was directed to forward to M. Morris White, Treas'r, the sum of \$100 in support of the work of the Association.

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Secretary of the Peace Association of Friends in America

To the Committee on Peace of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:—Owing to the scarcity of funds, I have not been able to get out any new books or tracts in the subject the past year, but have a pretty good supply of our standard books and tracts in stock, which are probably as good as any new ones that could be written.

The amount of peace literature sent out from this office during the year, including the "Messenger of Peace," has been equal to 1532,000 pages of our tracts, beside thirty-three bound volumes. These have been widely scattered, East, West, North and South.

The following is the Treasurer's statement for the year ending 7th month 25th 1884.

Peace Association of Friends, in account with M. M. White, Treasurer.

1883			
8th mo 4th	Balance in Treasury		453.87
10th mo 8th	Kansas Yearly Meeting		100.00
1884			
4th mo 3d	Indiana Yearly Meeting		200.00
	Total Receipts		753.87
1883	Payments		
10th mo 1st	J. M. Hussey, Printing	130.20	
11th mo 7th	" " " "	86.00	
12th mo 2nd	D. Hill, Secretary	150.00	
1884			
12th mo 19th	John Hemmenway for writing for Messenger	22.50	
1st mo 2nd	J. M. Hussey, Printing	86.00	
3d mo 15th	W. G. Hubbard for Publications	19.00	
3d mo 27th	J. M. Hussey, Printing	96.00	
6th mo 13th	" " " "	126.00	727.00
	Balance 7th mo 25th, 1884.		26.87

When the smoke of the American civil war had cleared away, many Friends became solemnly impressed with the thought that many of our younger members, as well as the great mass of Christian professors of nearly all denominations, were almost totally ignorant as to the grounds upon which, as a religious denomination, we based our testimony against all war and bloodshed, and that it was very important that in time of peace we should do what we could to so enlighten the minds of our own members, and others whom we could reach, as to make them see, if possible, that the whole spirit, as well as the precepts of the Gospel, and the example and practice of Christ and the early church were opposed to the whole spirit and practice of war. To this end, the Peace Association of Friends in America was organized soon after the close of the war, and to this end it has labored ever since. Many good things on the subject had been written in the past, but for want of an organization to publish and circulate them, they were nearly all out of print.

At first it was proposed that Yearly Meetings entering