

into the organization should raise ten thousand dollars to begin the great work with. Eight of the American Yearly Meetings entered heartily into the work, and a large part of the funds ordered were raised. With these funds, lectures were employed, books and tracts were electrotyped and printed.

The "Messenger of Peace," a sixteen page monthly, was started, and is now in its fourteenth year. Gradually, however, the interest in the work in several of the Yearly Meetings began to flag, and one or two of the Yearly Meetings have ceased to cooperate with us in the work.

The practicability of arbitration to settle international difficulties has been so thoroughly tested, within the last quarter of a century at least, and by different nations and under various circumstances, and has been proven to be so much more wise, just, and economical than war, that it can no longer be called utopian, and many statesmen in nearly all the nations that claim to be civilized, are beginning to regard it with favor. Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield, and Arthur have favored it, and the Republican National Convention at Chicago endorsed it.

A convention was held in the city of Philadelphia in the Eleventh month last, presided over by Bishop Simpson (since deceased), which took strong ground in favor of Arbitration. While immense armies are being trained and drilled for human slaughter in nearly all the governments of Europe, and occasionally a little spark of actual war appears upon the horizon, still the general outlook for peace is hopeful and encouraging.

I earnestly hope there may be a revival of interest in this work in all the Yearly Meetings, and suggest that your Yearly Meeting raise one hundred dollars to aid the work the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Daniel Hill, Secretary.

New Vienna, Ohio, 7th mo 28th 1884.

Having been favored to transact the business of the Meeting in much unity - experiencing from sitting to sitting the blessing and presence of our Holy Head - the Meeting concluded to meet again next year, at the usual time and place, if the Lord permit, and we pray that His blessing may rest upon all that has been done and said.

Francis T. King, Clerk

## Minutes of Baltimore Yearly Meeting 1885

1. At a Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore, for the Western Shore of Maryland, Virginia, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania, by adjournments from the 1st to the 19th of the 11th month, inclusive, 1885.

2. In recording the absence of our dear Friend Francis T. King, who has for many years faithfully served as clerk to the Yearly Meeting, we desire to express our sense of the loss sustained by the Meeting this year, and also to convey to him a message of our brotherly love and sympathy in his sickness, earnestly invoking the Divine blessing to rest upon him.

James C. Thomas was appointed clerk for the day, and John C. Thomas to assist him.

3. By reports from the subordinate Meetings, the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting was as follows, viz. from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting - John C. Thomas, Joseph P. Elliott, John A. Parker, John A. Wright, Lewis A. Hoge, Joseph Edge, Samuel R. Nease, George L. Statter, and James C. Underhill.

Dunsmuir's Creek, Tenn. Monthly Meeting - Thomas McCoy, Thomas C. Miller, Jeremiah McCaul, Franklin T. McCoy, and Webster Day.

Virginia Hall Yearly Meeting - Sarah J. Hawks, John B. Greenhouse, John Patton, John A. White, and Joel Cook.

Who were present except four, for the absence of two of whom, satisfactory reasons were rendered.

4. Minutes were read for the following Friends, new in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, and we appointed James Carey, Thomas McCoy, and John Patton to prepare endorsements upon them, as may shall open, and produce them to a future sitting.

Wm. Folger, a Minister from Walnut Creek Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Walnut Creek Quarterly Meeting, Kansas.

Mary C. Woods, a Minister from New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina.

Isaac Edwards and Mary C. Edwards, Ministers - Chehalis, Oregon, Monthly Meeting, Iowa.