

persons have been converted during the past year, through their labors. Their Committees on Mission Work in Mexico, Home Missions, Temperance, Bible Schools, and Books and Tracts, are all doing good work with growing interest and efficiency. Coltham and Wilmington Colleges are in a flourishing condition.

Western Yearly Meeting has been afresh reminded of the importance of being firmly established in the truths of the Gospel of Christ, "and of fidelity to those peculiar Testimonies and trusts which have been committed to our charge by the Lord." The attendance had been large, and the interest and earnestness manifested by the young men caused for thankfulness. The reports of the various Standing Committees were encouraging.

Among those of special interest were those on Bible Schools and Education. Year by year, they see more and more clearly that great blessing and power come to the Church by searching the Scriptures, and that, in order that their truths may be skillfully presented, well disciplined minds, as well as clean hearts, are demanded.

Leona says, "Much evidence of the spiritual health of our body at large is afforded us." The various branches of Church work had been signally blessed. They earnestly pray that while the cords are lengthening the stakes may be strengthening in due proportion; being convinced that the perpetuating of the saints, and the efforts to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus, are no less important than the bringing of souls into the fold. They believe that any departure, either in teaching or practice, from the position hitherto held by our Society relative to the recalled ordinances, tends to hinder the work of saving souls, and to obscure the spiritual character of the Gospel.

Their members had manifested a deep and practical interest in the Missions in Jamaica, and in the one about to be established on the West Coast of Africa. They had appointed a Committee to propose to other Yearly Meetings the establishment of a Friends' American Missionary Board. They report a large decrease in drunkenness, crime, and in the consumption of spiritous liquors, in Iowa, since the enactment of the Prohibitory Law.

Kansas Friends speak with gratitude of the manifestations of the Lord's presence at their annual assembly, filling their hearts with love. The Gospel labors of the Ministers from other Yearly Meetings had been edifying and instructive, but a regret is expressed that among them were no women. Their several Standing Committees brought in interesting and encouraging reports.

There is a growing interest in Home and Foreign Mission work, and in that among the Indians. Some members are expecting to go out to labor as Missionaries. They feel the importance of all who profess to be Friends, being united in the cardinal doctrines now held by the Society, and have been cheered by the knowledge that most of the Yearly Meetings had reaffirmed those doctrines.

At this period of the business the Men's and Women's Meetings met in joint session for the remainder of this session.

- 11 The following report of the Committee on a Meeting House in Washington, was read and approved, and the subject was referred to Baltimore Monthly Meeting for its consideration.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

We have carefully considered the matter referred to us, and do not think it advisable for the Yearly Meeting to undertake the erection of a meeting house at Washington, and suggest that the Committee be released, and that the matter be referred to Baltimore Monthly Meeting for its consideration.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee

John Nicholson

Chairman

11th Month 1st 1885

- 12 The Trustees of the Miles White Beneficial Society submitted the following report.

They have distributed, during the past year, the sum of \$4,580.00 for the various religious, charitable, and educational purposes contemplated by the Trust as appears, in a careful and judicious manner.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends: - In accordance with their Act of