

*Eighteenth Annual Report of the Secre-
tary of the Peace Association of
Friends in America*

To the Committee on Peace, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.
Dear Friends:—Another year has passed away, and it becomes my duty to lay before you an account of the work which has been done the past year, in the effort to overthrow the war systems of the world. While progress seems to us slow, there is, I believe, very marked evidence of progress. Bold and able advocates of peace are now to be found in every civilized nation on the globe, and in several of the nations they are numerous and influential. No two civilized nations can now engage in warfare with each other, without having their actions watched and severely criticised by the friends of peace, in their own dominions, and throughout the civilized world. Governments are earnestly opposed to, to refer the matter in dispute to friendly arbitration, and often with success.

The friends of peace in Great Britain have, we believe, by their earnest and persistent efforts, been instrumental in closing the war in Soudan, and in preventing a bloody war between England and Russia. As an evidence of the growing sentiment against war, I will give a few facts in regard to the progress of successful international arbitration.

Between the years 1794 and 1818, a period of twenty four years, there were three successful cases of arbitration.

Between the years 1818 and 1850, a period of thirty two years, there were five successful cases. Between the years 1850 and 1870, a period of twenty five years, there were thirty cases. This shows wonderful progress in the last quarter of a century.

We have had some difficulty in finding in the Congress of the United States, an able man to champion the cause of arbitration in that body. This difficulty, however, no longer exists, so far as the Senate is concerned. Hon. James P. Nelson, of Iowa, one of the ablest men in the Senate, has agreed to espouse the cause, and do what he can to promote its interests. In a letter to Isaac T. Gilson, dated Senate Chamber, Washington, Feb 20th 1880, he says: "The subject is one of great interest, and to which I have given some attention, and intend to give more during the coming

vacation, with a view to its definite consideration and elaboration, at the first session of the next Congress. I am in hearty accord with the purpose to establish international arbitration as a means of avoiding the wars between nations."

The Peace Association of Friends in America, has done something to help create a public sentiment, which demands other measures than war for the settlement of international disputes.

We have published and put in circulation many millions of pages of peace literature, which, but for our organization, would never have been published.

The "Messenger of Peace," now in its fifteenth year, makes its monthly visits to nearly three thousand homes; about one thousand of these are the homes of Ministers of the gospel. Many lectures on the subject of peace and war have been delivered, in different parts of the Country under the auspices of our Association.

I have sent out from this office the past year, 100,000 pages of tracts, and 20 bound volumes, while the matter contained in the Messenger has been equal to 1,125,000 pages of ordinary tracts. I have purchased of the trustees of the Murray Fund, one hundred copies of the revised edition of *Leporello in Star*, at \$12.50 per hundred, and one hundred packages, containing forty-two tracts each for children, of Friends' Tract Association, of New York, at \$8.00 per hundred.

The following is the Treasurer's Statement:

Cincinnati, O., 7th Mo 31st 1880

M. M. White, Treasurer

In Account with Peace Association of Friends in America
1880

7 th mo. 25 th	Balance on hand	6267
8 th mo. 10 th	Donation from Dr. Hoovey	50000
9 th mo. 12 th	From Chic Yearly Meeting.	
	J. P. Holt, Treasurer	15000
11 th mo. 17 th	From Baltimore Yearly Meeting,	
	Isaac Roots, Treasurer	20000
	Total Receipts	87667