

when any one falls out of his true position, the whole work is marred. We may not limit the Lord's power to us, nor presume to determine for ourselves the nature of his requiring, saying this cannot be my duty. Let us be willing and obedient. May all our service be guided and owned of the Lord, and the year now before us will be a year of great fruitfulness and blessing.

- 27 The Yearly Meeting directed that an extra session of Virginia Half Yearly Meeting be called to meet at Black Creek on the Twelfth of Twelfth month next, and Richmond Monthly Meeting, and Lewis Monthly Meeting were directed to appoint Representatives thence. The Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was authorized, at the conclusion of its session to be held to-morrow, to adjourn to meet again in Baltimore on the Twenty first of Twelfth month next.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning in joint session.

11th of the month and 4th of the week.

Friends assembled in joint session.

- 28 The Minutes of the Representative Meeting were read, and the important subjects before it the past year were considered by the Meeting. Our Treasurer was directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Indian Committee our proportion of the sum of \$3,500 for the expenses of the Committee.

Report of Committee on Indian Affairs

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since our report last year, the work of the Society of Friends on behalf of the Indians has undergone much change. All the Agents formerly named by us have withdrawn from the service, and nearly all of the Friends who were connected with Government Boarding Schools have also been replaced by others on account of the change in the Administration at Washington. Although in a retrospect of the fifteen years during which the Society has acted for the Government, it is easy to see many

imperfections in the execution of the charge committed to us, it is, nevertheless, a cause of gratitude that so much good has been done. The affairs of the Agencies have been conducted honestly, and with a large degree of unselfish devotion to the welfare of the Indians. The wilder tribes have become thoroughly settled on their reservations, and maintain peaceful relations with each other and with the white people.

The supplies of food and clothing, &c. sent to these Agencies are of good quality, and run ahead in time, instead of being many months behind, as was the case fifteen years ago. These supplies are all hauled by the Indians themselves, and a large proportion of them have been induced to till the soil, raise cattle, or engage in some form of industry.

The supplies are distributed to each family with much more justice and economy than formerly, and the richness of our civilization has reached them through the police, and the courts of Indian offences, which have been established among them.

Good Agency buildings, saw mills, and edifices for Boarding Schools have been put up at every Agency, many of the Indians have been assisted in building houses for themselves, and have abandoned their tents. Hundreds of the children have been so trained in the schools as to leave a permanent impress upon their characters.

In all the tribes under our charge, adults and youth have had the truths of the Gospel taught to them, more or less, and hundreds have come to a heart knowledge of the true God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of these have died, others live as members of churches, or without the bonds of any Church organization.

The results of this unexpected call to the Society to the difficult task of assisting the Government in the management of the Indians should encourage us to persevere in the religious and educational work, which still lies before us, and to make it as efficient as possible. The Annual Report of the Associated Executive Committee gives so condensed a statement of the operations of the year that it is herewith submitted for the information of the Meeting.

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