

This sentiment in favor of arbitration as a substitute for war, seems to be rapidly gaining ground throughout the civilized world. As a proof of the progress in our own country, it may be stated that 11 bills and one joint resolution have been introduced and properly referred to committees during the last session of Congress.

The following is the Treasurer's Statement

M. M. White, Treasurer.

In account with Peace Association of Friends in America

Receipts		
8 th Mo 1 st	Cash in Treasury	162.17
8 th Mo 7 th	Rec ^d from Indiana Yearly Meeting	100.00
8 th Mo 18 th	" " Ohio "	100.00
10 th Mo 10 th	" " Kansas "	50.00
12 th Mo 11 th	" " Baltimore "	100.00
1856		
1 st Mo 24 th	Collected by D. Hill	130.00
7 th Mo 7 th	Rec ^d from Indiana Yearly Meeting	100.00
		792.17

Disbursements

8 th Mo 21 st	D. M. Hussey	80.00
10 th Mo 10 th	"	87.50
12 th Mo 1 st	"	131.50
1856		
1 st Mo	D. Hill	250.00
1 st Mo 8 th	J. Neumannway	39.00
3 rd Mo 20 th	D. M. Hussey	89.50
7 th Mo 14 th	"	14.00
7 th Mo 14 th	"	86.00
		753.50
		8.67

Financial Statement of the Secretary

Balance on hand at last report \$108.46. Received on subscription to the "Messenger", for books and tracts sold, collections in quarterly meetings, and from donations \$192.21

Paid out for office rent, light, fuel, postage, etc., including \$100 sent to Treasurer \$215.90. Balance on hand, \$84.77

During the past year I have attended several of the Quarterly Meetings in Indiana Yearly Meeting, to try to

awaken a deeper interest in the cause of peace. In all these Meetings subscriptions have been opened to aid the cause of peace, with the following result:

Miami \$20.13; New Garden \$6.46; White Water \$25.00; Spenceland \$15.65; Northern \$20.09

We have been so long taught to believe that war, whether it could be reconciled with Christianity and the best interests of mankind or not, was a necessity, and if an evil, one that could not be avoided, that it requires long and patient efforts to induce most men to take an active interest in efforts to educate the public mind of our Christian lands to believe that Christians cannot fight with carnal weapons, or even encourage carnal warfare, without forfeiting their right to be called Christians.

"If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." It seems impossible to believe that if a man has the spirit of Christ he would want to slay his brother for whom Christ died.

"Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God."

I do not believe that the time has yet come to disband our organization, and I suggest that your Yearly Meeting appropriate \$100. to aid in carrying on the work the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted

David Hill, Secretary

New Vienna, Ohio, 8th month 2^d day 1856.

17. The following Minute appended to the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting was read as follows:

Copy of Minute

The subject of a conference of Committees from the different Yearly Meetings in America with which we correspond, having been introduced into this Meeting, after deliberate consideration it was believed that the holding of such a conference, to consider matters appertaining to the welfare of our branch of the Church, would strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship amongst us, and tend to promote unity in important matters of faith and practice, in the different bodies into which Friends in America are divided. We are, therefore,