

the names of two Friends to fill these vacancies, viz:
Joseph P. West, John Nicholson, Eliza P. Blanchard,
and Julia Valentine.

26 The following statistical report was read:

Number of members.	925
" " male	452
" " female	473
" under 21 years of age	224
" of families	145
" part of families	170
" ministers	16
" elders	41

Additions:

By birth	7	
" request	36	
" certificate	17	60
Losses:		
By death	20	
" removal	13	
" resignation	4	
" disownment	3	40

27 The Trustees of the Miles White Beneficial Society, submitted the annual report; with a detailed statement of their receipts and expenditures. They have distributed \$4,912.33 according to the terms of their trust, in aid of many important needs in a careful and judicious manner. It is as follows:

28 The Committee on Peace reported as follows, which was acceptable to the meeting, and our Treasurer was directed to forward to M. W. White, Treasurer of the Peace Association of Friends in America, the sum of \$100 in aid of the Association. They were directed to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in considering the interest of the cause.

Report of the Peace Committee

To the Yearly Meeting:

The appointment of this Committee having been deferred to the closing session of our last Yearly Meeting, no opportunity was then found for the members to meet in consultation, or to receive suggestions looking to concert of action in promoting the object of their

appointment.

A large public meeting was held in our meeting-house during our last Yearly Meeting, in the interest of Peace, at which A. C. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, presided, and William Jones, of England, made a most stirring address in support of international arbitration, which was followed by the adoption of resolutions in favor of the same.

Dr. James Cary Thomas, a member of this Committee, with Barnabas C. Hobbs and Albert K. Smiley, had an interview last winter at Washington with the Senate Committee on Foreign relations, and advocated arbitration in reference to the Canadian Fisheries Question. They also saw President Cleveland on the same subject, and some members of the House Committee.

They were kindly received, and patiently listened to, and the memorial of the Peace Conference held at Richmond, Indiana, at the time of the General Conference, was duly presented to both Houses of Congress. The Committee has had one meeting during the present Yearly Meeting, and has considered the relation of Baltimore Yearly Meeting to the Peace Association of Friends in America, and we now invite the consideration of the Yearly Meeting as to how we may best promote the efficiency of that organization.

We have also given some thought to proposed methods whereby the usefulness of this Committee in connection with the general subject of Peace may be promoted, and we hope that during the ensuing year an increased interest may be felt and manifested throughout our Yearly Meeting in favor of international arbitration for the settlement of all difference arising between nations.

We herewith submit the twenty-first annual report of the Secretary of the Peace Association of Friends in America, and recommend the usual appropriation in support of the Association.

On behalf of the Committee

Signed John Nicholson, Chairman
" Eliza P. Blanchard, Secretary

Baltimore 11th month 9th 1888.