

APPENDIX.

At a Meeting of the Association held 11th Month 29th, 1866, Francis T. King made a Report, from which we extract the following:

"Upon my recent visit to North Carolina, I was pleased to find that all the Schools had been re-opened with increased efficiency, and that the attendance was larger than last year. Much of this is due to the seven weeks training of the Teachers at the Normal School last summer.

"I was particularly impressed with the progress made by our North Carolina Friends in First Day Schools, the credit of which is due to them. They have thirty in operation, with 138 Teachers, and 2,004 Scholars—embracing every Meeting in North Carolina and Tennessee, but three small ones—one large meeting having three Schools. Besides which they have charge of, or assist in teaching twenty First Day Schools for colored persons, with 1,165 pupils. This does not include Schools under the care of Freedmen's Associations.

"The Normal School had such an elevating effect upon the Teachers, that our North Carolina Friends have arranged to hold one of a similar character for a week, next third month, for the Teachers

was elicited, showing the undoubted health of the country in five of the Quarterly Meetings, the natural fertility of the soil, abundance of labor, and a good market for the sale of produce. Friends are anxious to form Agricultural Clubs in each of the Quarterly Meetings, and act in concert with a resident Superintendent of Agriculture, who should have a depot for seeds, farming implements, &c., or a small model farm, at a central point—our Association was pledged to move promptly in the matter.

"We need a separate fund of about \$4,000, to inaugurate effectively a new system of agriculture, towards which \$1,100 have been contributed by eight Friends. Cannot voluntary offerings come in to make up the amount by the first of the year?

"Much has been said lately in the papers about the emigration of North Carolina Friends to the West—there has been comparatively little of it for a year past; the report has arisen from the fact that others are emigrating largely—the last train, numbered 518 persons, of whom 300 were under fourteen years of age—but only eleven, including children, were Friends, and twenty-two were colored persons.

"There is no doubt that for a year to come most Southern Friends will find it hard to struggle against the effects of the war, but there is a commendable energy among them to rise above these difficulties, especially by adopting an improved method of farming, now that they have free labor and the offer of aid from our Association."