

that there is not much want in N. Carolina at present but likely to be before next harvest.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held 4th mo. 11th 1877. present G. J. King, W. M. Janner, Miles White, Dr. J. C. Thomas, Jesse Tyson, Dr. Winslow & Dr. C. Thomas.

A letter was received from A. H. Tomlin stating that Nathan Hunt's farm could be bought for less than \$4400.— It was decided to take it at that price, & G. J. King, Jesse Tyson & Dr. C. Thomas were appointed as Trustees to get an act of incorporation & hold the property for this Association.

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the same understanding of these Scriptural teachings exists among some of those who have been most deeply impressed with the need of insisting upon the way of holiness through faith. Thus, in a late number* of the "Christian's Pathway of Power," occurs the following expression:

"Where Christ truly reigns, of the increase of His government, whether in the kingdom of the individual heart or that of the world, 'there shall be no end.' We know no standard or limit of holiness below that of infinity. But let us see to it that we have a Scriptural starting point: that of complete submission of will, and a holy purpose to believe every promise . . . in order for a healthful experience of progressive sanctification."

Our object, in dwelling upon these considerations, is by no means to add to existing controversy; but, rather, if possible, to contribute, though it be but a mite, towards its diminution. While the reality of religion always tends to draw men nearer together, opinions and discussions about it often scatter them apart. "The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF HOME MISSION WORK.—In the editorial columns of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of the 26th ult., an account is given of the improvements effected in the worst portion of the city of Philadelphia, within a few years, by the Bedford Street Mission. One faithful missionary, John D. Long, supported by the means and personal aid of the members of a Board of Direction, has been enabled to accomplish changes described in the following words:

"The Mission begins by giving food to those who are suffering from hunger; by caring for the sick, by clothing those who need garments, and by giving free baths to those who wish them. During the year just passed, it gave 3,802 free dinners, and distributed 7,291 loaves of bread and 297 soup tickets. It treated 2,399 cases in the hospitals, its physicians made 2,104 visits, and compounded 10,682 free prescriptions. It distributed 2,575 garments; it provided lodgings for 648 persons; it gave instruction to 486 children in its day schools, and it supplied baths to 18,249 persons. From the 1st of June to the 15th of August 14,275 baths were given; and all this was done, and the Sunday schools and church conducted, at an expense of a little more than \$8,000.

*As a consequence of these labors there is a promise of the ultimate regeneration of a large

* July number, 1871; editorial.

portion of the population of the neighborhood. The children who grow up there are surely attaining in the schools the certainty of better and purer lives than their parents have led, and they are going out into the world with such influences at work upon them as they could never have had if this Mission had not done its duty so well. The redemption of these children alone is a service worthy of the efforts of the best philanthropy; but in addition to that, which has been accomplished in their behalf, hundreds of adults have been induced to try to lead better lives, some for the sake of their children, and many of the worst of the practices which were once common in the neighborhood have been stopped completely. The sale of murderous rum is not so easy or so general as it once was; many of the haunts of thieves have been broken up, and nearly all of the dens from which once poured obscene crowds who made passage of the thoroughfares dangerous for decent people, even in the day-time, have been permanently closed. The place is not thoroughly wholesome yet by any means, but it is safe; and when we contrast it with what it was twelve years ago, it seems almost a garden spot."

There is certainly much encouragement in these results, for those whose knowledge, means and ability prepare them to respond to the call, "Go thou and do likewise." Such is a genial, though arduous and self-denying work of Christian faith; to endeavor, at least, to make "the desert blossom as the rose."

RELIEF FOR KANSAS AND IOWA.—Additional information has been received concerning the distress existing and increasing amongst Friends in those distant States. We are disposed to renew the suggestion (conveyed to us by some who have had experience in such matters) that the most effectual way of meeting this emergency would probably be by an organization in, or connected with, Kansas and Iowa Yearly Meetings; with which Friends of other Yearly Meetings might communicate advantageously and promptly. There appears to be no time to be lost.

EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

At the close of the Civil War, Friends at the Yearly Meetings on this Continent, and of London and Dublin, rendered Friends of North Carolina, through the agency of the "Baltimore Educational Association of Friends," the assistance they so much stood in need of after four years of trial and suffering. This labor of love has been greatly blessed in promoting their religious and material interests, and we believe it has also been a blessing to their neighbors generally, commending to many hearts the Gospel message of "Peace on earth and good will to man." North Carolina Yearly Meeting abolished slavery within its limits at the beginning of the present century, from which period to the breaking out of the rebellion, there was a steady and large emigration of their members to the West.