

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held 11th Mo. 12th 1878. Allen can also present.

It was decided to appropriate \$200. - towards tuition of pupils at New Garden Boarding School including E. D. Harmon. Also to offer \$50. - to Dr. Donlinson towards the tuition of his son or daughter at New Garden.

Then concluded.

Wm. C. Thomas Secy

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held 11th Mo. 20th 1878. present B. L. King, Dr. Jos. C. Thomas, Jas. Carey, Jos. P. Elliott, Dr. Caleb Winslow, & Wm. C. Thomas.

It was decided to appropriate \$200. towards the purchase of the Normal School Building at Maryville Tenn; half of the amount to be charged to next years allotment for Tennessee; also \$700. - towards the running expenses of the school as suggested by Wm. C. Thomas who had recently visited the field.

It was decided to leave the details of the appropriations for N. Carolina to the President & Secretary.

Then adjourned

Wm. C. Thomas Secy

BALTIMORE, 4th Month 1st, 1882.

DEAR FRIEND:

It will be remembered that Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and, through it, our Society at large, became interested in North Carolina Friends at the close of the civil war, during which they bore a faithful testimony against war and slavery; they endured much persecution and loss of property, and in their reduced condition were preparing to emigrate in a body to the West. Through the aid and advice extended to them, they decided to remain in North Carolina, and by the establishment of agricultural societies within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting, in connection with a Model Farm, and day schools within each meeting for worship, the work of improving their land and educating their children soon grew into a large and successful organization. Almost every school was a religious centre; the teachers became intelligent superintendents and teachers of Bible Schools, and not unfrequently ministers of the Gospel, exercising a decided religious and social influence in their districts.

It is very desirable that this work should not be allowed to stop here. Owing to the recent rapid growth of the South in material wealth and population, which the six millions of colored people are sharing, it becomes our duty to strengthen the only organized body of Friends in that portion of the country where there are peculiar openings for the reception of a simple Gospel among all classes. Mission work among the poor whites and freedmen is now being carried on to some extent by the members of North Carolina Yearly Meeting in that State and in East Tennessee, and these two sections of the Yearly Meeting will be drawn into closer connection this year by the opening of a new railroad, by which the distance will be reduced nearly one-half. We cannot better illustrate the growing importance of our Society at the South, than by the following statistics of the meetings and members in North Carolina and Tennessee, taken from the official records, except that of 1860, which has been carefully estimated.

The number of emigrants and immigrants has been nearly equal.

1860,	No. of established meetings,	28;	members,	2200.
1872,	"	"	" 34;	" 3883.
1876,	"	"	" 38;	" 4275.
1881,	"	"	" 51;	" 5001.

The number of schools taught by Friends and under their control has increased since the war, from 18 to 61, and the pupils from about 600 to over 3000, a large proportion of whom are not the children of Friends, though some of them with their parents attend our religious meetings.

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