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It will thus be seen that, in the entire absence of any State system of education or other organized effort for so many years after the close of the war, the Society of Friends built up and controlled a very large and complete system of their own, which has given them a strong position and influence in the eleven counties in which they reside. In addition, the Baltimore Association held a Normal School in the summer vacation for fifteen years for the training of native teachers with very satisfactory results. New Garden Boarding School, established in 1835, was the only institution of the kind in the State kept open during the war, and when the South was forced to accept a Confederate currency, this school was carried on upon a strictly gold basis; the trustees have kept it ever since free of debt, without endowment, and the religious and intellectual tone of the school has been as creditable to it as its financial record. But its limited opportunities do not meet the needs of the teachers and advanced scholars, and the want is felt for a stronger educational centre in close connection with the excellent preparatory and intermediate schools now in operation, especially when the isolated position of the Yearly Meeting is considered, and the fact that it is about five hundred miles distant by rail from the nearest Friends' Boarding School at the north.

Two members of the Baltimore Association attended North Carolina Yearly Meeting last fall, when New Garden Boarding School and the general subject of education were carefully considered, and it was unanimously concluded to make an earnest effort to raise a fund sufficient to enlarge and alter the present buildings, or erect new ones, provide new furniture and apparatus, and create an endowment of at least \$20,000.

The Baltimore Association has in its hands towards this purpose \$6000, from the sale of the model farm, and \$1000, from the late Lucy H. Eddy, of Rahway, N. J. A subscription of \$5000 has been promised by a Friend, and North Carolina Friends assure us that they can raise \$10,000 among themselves.

With this start of \$22,000, the Baltimore Association feels it to be its duty and privilege to lay the subject before the Society at large, in the hope that this brief review of the work of a Yearly Meeting which has so clearly shown itself capable of meeting the increased responsibilities growing out of new surroundings, may incline Friends to aid in establishing the boarding school upon the best possible basis, and thus help to complete a comprehensive system of education in North Carolina.

Subscriptions can be sent to FRANCIS T. KING, No. 55 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, or handed to ALLEN JAY, who is authorized to receive them.

On behalf of the Association,

FRANCIS T. KING, *President*.

JOHN C. THOMAS, *Secretary*.

NOTE.—It is proposed to give some class instruction in mechanical drawing and the theory of farming, and in the hours of recreation, a knowledge of the use of tools.