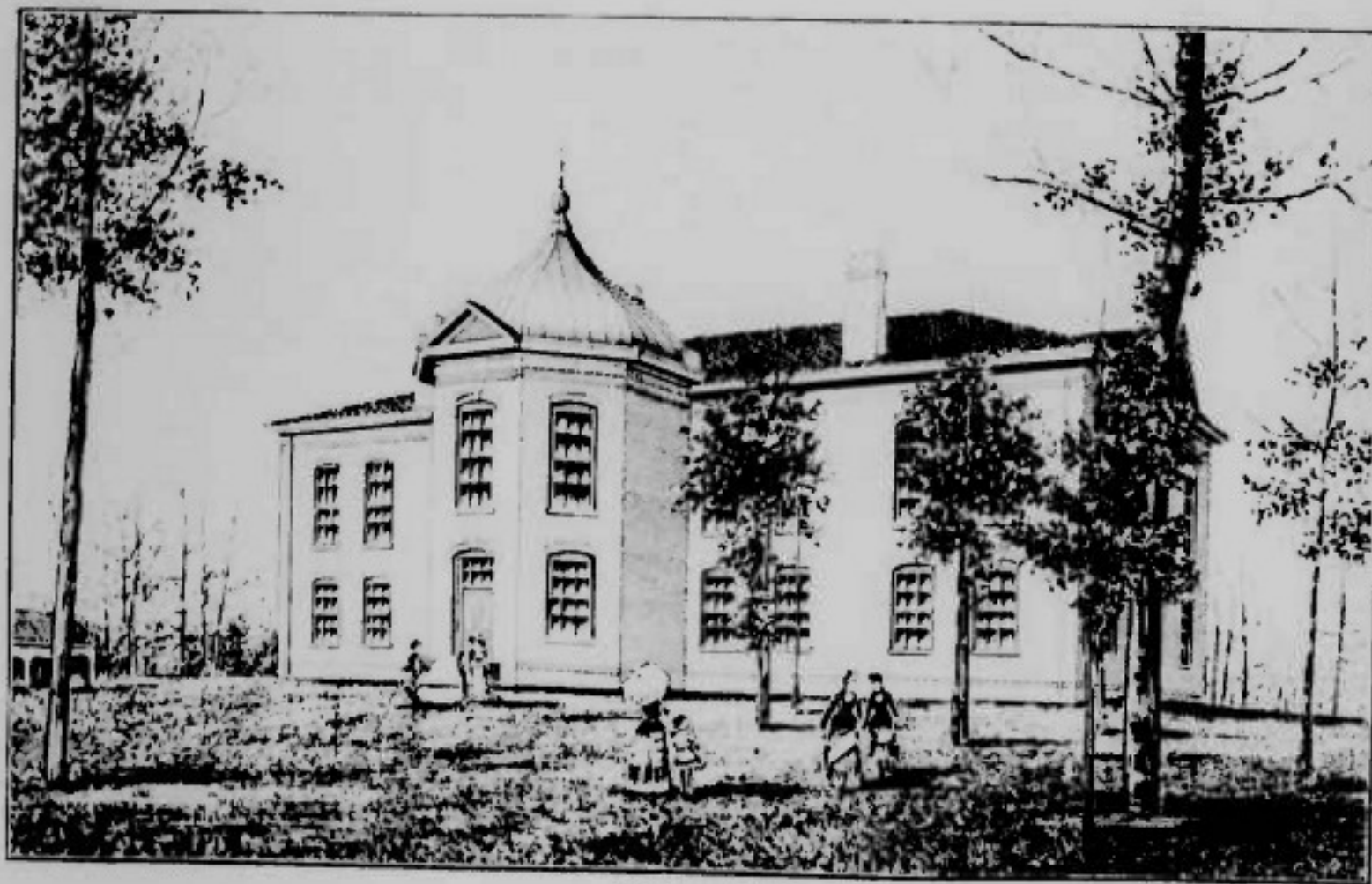




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We parted company at Auckland, New Zealand. After a good voyage of 6000 miles in 23 days, I landed at San Francisco, California, alone, yet "not alone," for the Lord was with me. My faithful friend, Joseph James Neave, would have willingly accompanied me, but we judged it best not to interpose between certain religious engagements then pending, and a subsequent return to his wife and family near Sydney, New South Wales.

Among "mine own people" on the Continent of North America I lived and labored nearly a year and a half (Canada included), often feeling poor in myself, but rich in the blessing of the Lord.

All the Yearly Meetings on the American Continent were visited, and several of our educational establishments. Our friend, Joel Bean and I, traveled together in much harmony for five months, during a part of which we visited our Norway Friends, in whose company at meeting when assembled for worship and in their own homes, we were refreshed together. They make good and thriving colonists, of which there was abundant evidence.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting I passed on to the Indian Territory, where it was refreshing to witness, under the law of kindness, a deep response on the part of the Modocs and other originally wild tribes, and an ingathering to the fold of "the good Shepherd," our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thence I went to Mexico to visit the missionaries and the stations under the care of the Society of Friends. Among the missionary efforts in that land it is rather a time of seed-sowing than of ingathering; nevertheless, here and there fruit is seen on the branches to the praise of the Lord.

After returning to the United States and tarrying awhile at Philadelphia, Germantown, Had-donfield and New York, I went on board the "Gallia" steamer, at the latter city, on the 19th of Third month, and landed on the 28th of the same in Liverpool (after a pilgrimage of more than six years) in health, in safety, and in peace; with a cloudless mental atmosphere, not without the up-welling of deep thanksgiving and of praise for all the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord so "great and marvellous."

God is Love.

Lord of the sparrow and the seraphim!
He gave His Son; His only Son to be
A perfect sacrifice for thee—for me—
For all mankind—from sin and death to free.
Blessed are they who put their trust in Him,
God is Love.

Amen. ISAAC SHARP.

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VISIT TO FRIENDS' SCHOOL, NEW GARDEN, N. C.

On alighting from the train at New Garden Station, I was met by a nice carry-all, light and strong, with three double-seats. It was neatly lettered "New Garden School," and, drawn by a pair of well-groomed black horses, we soon passed through the one and a half miles of woodland that lay between the railroad and the school.

At the head of a broad avenue of fine trees stands "Founders' Hall," the original school-building, now so improved as to be scarcely re-

cognizable by its founders, were they living. A mansard story on top, and wide and graceful piazzas on the front and the west end, with the brickwork nicely reddened, and the woodwork painted in neutral tints, have added wonderfully to the attractiveness of the exterior, while the interior has been improved still more. Staircases and partitions have been taken out to enlarge rooms and halls;—the main building and annex, forming a T, have each been raised one story higher, and a stair-hall built between them, with a wind-mill and tank on top of it supplying water to every floor of both buildings. Founders' Hall contains a large library-room and a collection-room, parlor, superintendent's apartments and a lunch room for female day scholars, and in the annex, a spacious dining-room, a large kitchen and pantries. These are all on the ground floor. The upper floors are devoted to the girls' bedrooms, and in the annex, to rooms for the assistant matron, female servants, bath-rooms, store-room, &c. In the basement is a dairy, a cold storage room, a drying room, an ironing room, &c.

About 450 feet southwest of Founders' Hall and on higher ground, stands "King Hall," so named in recognition of the services of Francis T. King, of Baltimore, on behalf of education in North Carolina. It was built in 1870 as a Yearly Meeting-house, and was turned over to the school last year. By putting in another floor, partitions, stairway, &c., it has been converted into a two-story building, with remarkably large, airy and cheerful rooms and halls. On the first floor are six class rooms, a lunch room for male day scholars, and the study-room, 56 by 33 feet, fitted with 100 desks of the best pattern. Upstairs are the boys' bedrooms and bath rooms, supplied from the tank on Founders' Hall. A substantial board walk connects the two buildings, and the girls go up to King Hall in school hours, and the boys go down to Founders' Hall to meals and to the religious meetings, which are held for the present in the girls' collection room. The mid week meeting was held soon after my arrival, and the solemn stillness that settled over us was remarkable in a meeting composed almost entirely of young people. Jos. Moore, late President of Earlham College, was heard in prayer and ministry well-adapted to impress the young; a visitor also spoke. Soon after the meeting a good dinner was served, preceded and followed by a reverential pause. The Board of Trustees held a meeting in the afternoon, to which I was invited. A number of important questions were discussed, and I was impressed with the clearness of perception and the sound judgment that characterized their deliberations, and the wisdom of their decisions. The successful management of New Garden School with such limited means as it has had, is not so surprising when we come to know the ability of the men who have had charge of it.

Among other things, it was decided to fit up ten bed rooms for boys in the attic of King Hall, each about 14 feet by 18 feet, and with ceilings 11 feet above the floor, leaving still a large loft above. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$1300, and it will give room for 20 more boys.

There are 34 boys and 36 girls in the institution the present term, besides 32 day scholars who live or board in the neighborhood, making a total of 102. A committee was appointed to endeavor to secure the services of Jos. Moore as Principal, and