the dist: presents a glorious field for religious & educational labor; the children are very attractive – their minds bright & behavior unexceptionable. In four years we have never had a difficulty with parents, children or neighbors. Work of this kind should ~~be separated from politics~~ be sustained upon moral & religious basis only & the result will be hearty cooperation on the part of all.

We have whites exclusively under our care, but our Philada Friends have the col^d children in very much the same district; & their mission work is nearly as large & quite as successful & interesting.

Including a large outlay for physical relief in 1865 & aid to the Boarding School ~~& expenditure~~ & expenditure on school has been nearly $100.000. After this year we expect to make the work self sustaining.

Thy messages of love to our family are always welcome – we send ours in return. We leave for Frankfort Wh. Delphia in a few days. If my hasty letter will serve the cause of Education at the South, as thou proposes, it is at thy service. Mother has taken the Observer for several years & we esteem it a valuable paper, serving the Church of Christ at large. I rejoice that the day of controversy among Christians is passing away & that the feature of our day is to show upon how many points we can agree. Has this not been owing in a great measure to the army of workers brought into service thro' the Bible, Tract, Missionary & Sabbath School Societies – the recognition of all gifts in the Church, & fields of labor opening for them – common platforms upon which we mingle & work together. There is but one living Church the church of Christ, & but one living Head – the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thy truly attached friend
Francis T. King