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REPORT.

*To "Baltimore Association of Friends to advise and assist
Friends of the Southern States."*

In making our first general report it is proper that we should refer to the origin of our Association.

Soon after the breaking out of the rebellion, Friends from North Carolina occasionally passed through Baltimore on their way to the West, but during the autumn of 1864 such arrivals were so much more frequent, and the families, in most cases, so destitute, that it was concluded to combine our individual efforts to aid them, and "THE BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS TO ADVISE AND ASSIST FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES," was formed.

We have kept a regular account of our operations, and have acted through committees with all the care and system in our power, but do not think it is required of us to make public the details of our aid to brethren, under temporary and unexpected privations, many of whom had formerly given freely to others.

It is due, however, to the contributors of the fund, that some report should be made, if it be only as a record of the love, sympathy and interest which have bound us together as a people, at a period when nearly every other tie between the North and the South was severed.

We had no expectation at first of any thing but a local effort—but the interest which we felt was simultaneously manifested throughout all the Yearly Meetings, and we became the medium of dispensing their liberality also.