

LIBRARY REPORT.

To "Baltimore Association of Friends."

The work of supplying the Monthly Meetings of Friends in North Carolina and Virginia with Libraries, adapted especially to the wants of their younger members, was begun in the spring of 1865. At that time, through the contributions of a few Friends in Philadelphia, eighty-five volumes were sent to Piney Woods, North Carolina; also seventy-five volumes to Black Creek, and twenty-five volumes to Somerton, which two Meetings compose the Lower Monthly Meeting of Virginia. Each of these Libraries has since been increased. The gratifying results of this small beginning stimulates to fresh efforts on a larger scale. In the fall of 1865, a subscription was opened which amounted to about \$500. This was contributed in Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, New England and Cincinnati. In addition to this, 420 new books were contributed—the Association of Friends in Philadelphia presenting fifteen copies each of twenty-one works. Others were presented by their authors or publishers, and over two hundred old but mostly valuable books were sent in. From these purchases and contributions, fourteen Libraries were arranged, supplying all the remaining Monthly Meetings of North Carolina. The books were all neatly labeled as Monthly Meeting Youth's Libraries; covered, furnished with catalogues and records, and thus sent ready for immediate use. They were taken in charge by Committees appointed in each Monthly Meeting. The number thus sent is as follows, viz.

To Rich Square Monthly Meeting,	125 vols.
Cane Creek " "	70 "
Centre " "	85 "
Spring " "	45 "
New Garden " "	185 "
Dover " "	40 "
Nense " "	100 "
Nahunta " "	100 "
Deep River " "	65 "
Springfield " "	95 "
Deep Creek " "	65 "
Back Creek " "	60 "
Marlboro " "	120 "
Holly Spring " "	70 "
Total	1225 volumes.

Since then, fifty-five volumes have been sent to Piney Woods, near Springfield, where a First Day School had awakened much inquiry in a very irreligious neighborhood. A Library for Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, Va., is also nearly completed, and will contain 100 volumes, to be divided between Cedar Creek and Richmond. From funds contributed through our dear friend J. B. Braithwaite, a Bible Class Library of valuable works—about fifty in number—was sent to Friendsville, Tennessee; a general Library having been furnished to that Quarterly Meeting from another source.

Thus about 1700 volumes in all have been put in circulation.

In selecting the books as great a variety was obtained as possible. Biographies of Friends and others—a few other religious works—works of History, Science and Literature, with a few volumes of choice Poetry, and a liberal sprinkling of Narratives, for children, made up the series, which was submitted to the judgment of a large number of Friends, and has appeared satisfactory to the recipients. Each of the six Quarterly Meetings in North Carolina received for the most part the same series; so divided among the Monthly Meetings, that after a time they can exchange with each other and receive a new set; thus placing about 125 different works within easy reach of each Friend in North Carolina.

It seems due to those who so freely furnished the means for carrying out this plan of a regular system of Youth's Libraries, to state, that they have been most gratefully received, and read with an eagerness even beyond all that was anticipated; and there is good ground to hope that both in the mental and moral culture of the young, in this deeply interesting field, the work will be richly blessed.

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