

Balt. 10th Mo. 1877

J. S. Belair

Sumnerfield. Guilford Co. N.C.

Dear friend

We are in receipt of thy letter of the 1st inst, & are pleased to hear of thy appointment, which we understand is for five months at \$600 per mo. exclusive of all expenses but R.R. fare. When does it begin? Please render us a report of thy work at the end of each calendar month, giving such incidents as will interest us, also render a financial statement for each month, & we will send thee a check for the amount due.

We have decided to subscribe the \$235 necessary to enable Mary Poole of Back Creek to enter New Garden School: also to pay the \$200 needed by Elijah Buttrill for the same purpose. We learned from what Prof. Hartley said to Julia Valentine that \$300 would make up the same necessary to send nine children to school, & we are willing to apply this amount.