

To the Pastors and Members of the Religious Denominations
of our Colored Friends in the City of Richmond and Town
of Manchester, Virginia:

FRIENDS—

Deeply impressed at the close of the late unhappy contest, with the necessity for such an Institution, your friends, the Quakers, with considerable labor, collected the necessary funds and erected what is now known as the "Orphan House for Colored Children," on the corner of St. Paul and Charity Streets, where a lot was donated by the City of Richmond for that purpose.

Trusting that you will appreciate the great importance of such an Institution, where the helpless orphans may be received and sheltered from the cold charities and cruel temptations of a heartless world, till opportunity offers to place them in suitable homes, where they may receive the sympathy, care and training their sorrowful lot so much needs.

We believe the time has come to carry out our original intention of handing over the said Institution to your care and oversight.

To build and equip it, as it now stands, has cost about \$6,000.

We hereby invite each of the Religious Denominations above mentioned, to appoint a Committee of three of your most experienced and public spirited men, to meet at the Orphan House on the third day of July next, at 4 o'clock, P. M., to examine the same, and decide whether you are ready to take part in the management and support of said Institution, with a prospect of taking the entire management as soon as you are ready to assume such a responsibility. Trusting that He who has declared Himself to be the "Father of the Fatherless," will continue His blessing, which, we think, has been remarkably manifested in the ready and support of this Institution thus far. We remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee in charge of the Orphan House for Colored Children.

JOHN B. CRENSHAW,
Chairman.

In response to which a large number of the most intelligent and influential of the colored men of Richmond and Manchester, including most of their ministers, met at the time appointed. They seemed much gratified on inspecting the Institution, and unanimously agreed to recommend their different Churches to appoint Trustees, who are able to be Directors, and take an active part in the management of the Institution.

In accordance with that recommendation, Trustees were appointed.

Subsequently we met at the Orphan House and organized the Board by appointing John B. Crenshaw, President, John Adams, Treasurer, and ————, as Secretary; have had two meetings since, to much satisfaction.

The new Directors manifested much interest in the cause. At a future meeting we purpose to complete the organization by appointing committees to receive and bind out the children.

There are at present 27 children in the Institution, none of whom are old enough to bind out.

Our late valued Superintendent, Vester A. Hawes, having resigned and returned home, the new Board elected to that position Cora Gray, a colored woman of the City of Richmond, who has managed the Institution for more than two months to our entire satisfaction, manifesting deep interest and diligence in the discharge of her onerous duties. We trust the course of the Committee in this matter will meet the approval of the Meeting.

We herewith submit the account of the Treasurers of your Committee, settled before a Committee of this Meeting, showing a deficiency in the last two year's account of \$416 15, besides a balance of \$100 00 the late Matron.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN B. CRENSHAW,
Chairman.

The Committee on Education at the South made the following report which was satisfactory to the Meeting & the Committee was continued to further labor as may be requisite — Bro B. Crenshaw was added to the Committee — They were authorized to Memorialize Congress — if occasion should require — The report is as follows —

REPORT OF THE BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS
UPON EDUCATION IN
NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE.

We submit reports from Allen Jay, Superintendent of Education, and William A. Sampson, Superintendent of Agriculture, which show that both departments of our work continue satisfactory and encouraging. Through the interest and efforts of Friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, the work has become nearly self-sustaining, but they and we believe that it is important that our association should continue the services of both of our

Superintendents, and that aid should be still given by us to weak Schools. We have made no collections for the past two years, having husbanded the funds previously contributed. We propose to publish a detailed annual report soon after the first of the year, and in the meantime we refer to the accompanying reports of the Superintendents.

On behalf of the Association,

FRANCIS T. KING.

A Memorial of Hopewell Monthly Meetings endorsed by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting was read and with some alteration adopted by this Meeting and directed to the Yearly Meeting —

There having occurred one vacancy in the Yearly Meeting's representation in this Meeting, also one vacancy in the representation of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting — one vacancy in that of Dunning's Creek Quarter & one in that of Virginia Half Yearly Meeting — the Clerk was directed to give information thereof to these Meetings.

And then adjourned to the stated time in 12th month next —

Ed Carey Thomas, Clerk