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The Trustees desire to place on record for the information of those who may succeed them, a brief sketch of the life of Miles White, the founder of this Society, and do not know that it can be more appropriately done, than in the following extract from a memoir of him by one of his family.

Miles White, the second son of Francis, and Miriam White, was born near Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina, on the 30th of 8th month 1792. His family has always been prominently connected with the Society of Friends: It was at the house of his Great-Grand-Father, who was a member of the Provincial Government Council, that the second Friends Meeting in North Carolina was held by W^m. Edmondson in the year 1672. In his dwelling and subsequently in a Meeting House built upon his farm, a Friends Meeting was held for over one hundred years.

As a boy Miles White was of rather a delicate constitution, but bright and industrious, which combined with a natural talent for business caused all he undertook to prosper. At home his leisure hours were employed either in profitable studies or useful engagements. In 1818 he married Elizabeth Albertson, and settled on a farm which lay near Perquimans River, where he resided for seven years, and was very successful at farming.

He then moved to Elizabeth City and remained there during his wife's lifetime. She left two children, Elias A. White, who died unmarried in 1866, and Francis White who now resides in the City of Baltimore. While at Elizabeth City he was engaged in the Mercantile and Shipping business, which added largely to his fortune.

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In 1849 he removed to Baltimore, Maryland, and married Margaret Hopkins, Sister of the late John Hopkins of that City, where he resided the remainder of his life. He was from his youth strongly attached to the Society of Friends, of which he was a valuable member, becoming widely known throughout the Church for his generous hospitality to ministers and others in the service of the Church, sometimes pleasantly remarking that he had no turn for preaching but loved to entertain the Lord's messengers. He was much interested in Christian Work, and the purchase of Friend's Mission School property on Light St, Baltimore, was brought about by a large Donation which he made for that purpose in 186.

He was a very temperate man, and an example of moderation in all his habits. This was doubtless the means to some extent of prolonging his life to a ripe old age. He was a man of extraordinary memory, and up to the time of his last illness, attended personally to the management of his large Estate. On the Fifth day preceding his death he attended Monthly Meeting and took part in the business, and enjoyed the company of Friends who went home to dine with him. In the Afternoon he went out for a drive but returned with a chill from the effects of which he sank rapidly, and passed away quietly and peacefully on the following First-day morning the 12th of 3rd month 1876 in the eighty fourth year of his age.

Francis White, notified the Board, that he, as Executor, would soon be ready to pay the legacy of One hundred thousand (\$100,000) Dollars, left by the late Miles White, to this Corporation.

On motion it was resolved that a Committee of three, including the President, prepare suitable By Laws. Francis E. King, and Jos. P. Elliott were appointed.

The Board on motion of