

was established, the wholesale emigration of Friends was stopped, and the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina was not only maintained and its influence greatly extended, but its membership increased from 2200 in 1860 to 5000 in 1881 -

When the North Carolina schools were well established under some management Francis J. King began to plan a scheme for the promotion of higher education throughout the Society of Friends in America - In 12th mo. 1877 by the invitation of himself and another Baltimore friend, the first general "Conference on Education in the Society of Friends in America" assembled in Baltimore, attended by educators from every Yearly Meeting on the Continent, except Iowa, Kansas & Canada. The interest and beneficial results of this Conference were so marked that another was held at Haverford College in 1880, at which Francis J. King was again one of the leaders, and although his health did not permit him to attend the next Conference held at Earlham College in 1883, he sent a

written address and a representative, and his influence was strongly felt -

Besides these efforts in behalf of education among Friends in general, the careful distribution of \$10,000, sent by English Friends in aid of Home Mission work and education in North Carolina and Tennessee from 1878 to 1882, was of the Meeting House Fund, raised mainly through the efforts of Stanley Pumphrey and other English Friends amounting to \$5,500 disbursed during 1881 to 1886 required of our friend much thoughtful attention - In 1882 he also took an active and influential part in raising \$22,000 for the enlargement and improvement of New Garden Boarding School and in perfecting plans for it - To all these funds he was himself a large contributor of money -

At this later period Dr. Joseph Laylor of Burlington New Jersey, an intimate friend communicated to Francis J. King his design of devoting his large fortune to the founding of a college for the training of women in the higher branches