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To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee on the colored population report, that the Subject of our appointment has claimed our attention during the last year. We have done but little in a Society capacity since our last report, but as individuals we have continued to act with the Balt. Association for the Moral & Intellectual improvement of the Colored People.

The true friends of the Freedmen in Maryland are so few in number, that it seems necessary to combine their efforts to induce an efficient and strong organization. Emancipation in Maryland has come up to the expectations of its most sanguine friends; labor soon adjusted itself to the new state of things & the industry and morality of the Freed-people is very marked. The opposition in many neighborhoods to colored schools, which resulted in the burning of School-houses and maltreatment of teachers had ceased to a great degree, and it is evident that a great experience has convinced the incredulous that the Schools are a blessing to the community in giving intelligent labor to the State.

There are now in operation in the Southern States 975. Colored Schools embracing 1405 teachers and 99,778 Scholars - of this number there are in Maryland under the care of the Balt. Association 71 Schools, 77 teachers & over 7000 Scholars, besides 6 industrial Schools under the care of a female Association & a Normal School which prepared 15 teachers the past

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year. There are applications for 17 new Schools, for which the colored people agree to furnish School-houses and board the teachers; but the Association cannot pay the teachers' salaries, as their present engagements are more than they can meet. Were it not for the aid of the Freedmen's Associations of New England, New York & Philadelphia and the liberal grants of Friends in England & Ireland it would be impossible to sustain the successful work which is now being done in Maryland, as our home resources in a border State, where the prejudice against the colored race is almost universal, are very limited.

In 1865 the City government appropriated \$10,000 to the Association as the amount of the Education tax paid by the colored people since 1833, from the benefit of which they were heretofore abridged by law, and \$3946 were collected from private individuals of which \$885 were from our Members. Thus far in 1866 the City has made no appropriation and \$4557 have been collected from private sources of which \$1260 have been contributed by Balt. Friends. This year's collection is expected to reach \$6000 and a City appropriation is hoped for. - - The Corps of teachers is underpaid of its kind & the schools have received the most unqualified approbation of intelligent visitors from all parts of the country. One of our Members, Richd. W. Hauney is the State Agent of the Association & his whole time is employed in visiting the schools in the City & Counties & in looking after the general interests of the Association. Friends generally