

During the spring and summer of 1865, directly after Sherman's march, two of our number twice visited North Carolina to distribute provisions, clothing and money, and during that year we forwarded to the West about four hundred members, adults and children, fifty of whom arrived here destitute at one time.

Though we discouraged this emigration, we could not wonder at it, as they fled from the ravages of war to join relatives who had prospered in the West, and who gave them cordial welcomes. Some of these families, however, have been returned by us to their former homes, and they are now cultivating their farms with commendable energy. There was peculiar difficulty attending the journey of four hundred miles to Baltimore; and the conversion of their currency into ours at a loss of several hundred per cent. generally landed them in our city destitute of funds and clothing, and eight hundred miles of travel still before them. Many of the young men in escaping conscription had to travel on foot at night, wade rivers, and sleep in the woods. Several of them were fired at and wounded.

Whilst thus engaged in aiding our Brethren, and endeavoring to relieve their physical wants, we soon discovered that there were even stronger claims upon us to educate their children, many of whom, from the need of their labor at home, the scarcity of books and the conscription of teachers, had lost four years of instruction, the period of a country child's school life.

One of our number again visited North Carolina at the time of the Yearly Meeting in the 11th month, 1865, and there met in consultation our friends Joseph Grosfield, of England, Samuel Boyce, of New England, and Marmaduke C. Cope, of Philadelphia, and conferred with the Education Committee of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. After carefully considering the whole subject, the Association concluded to appropriate \$5,000 to the Boarding School—\$2,500 to be expended in repairing the School Building, and in refitting the furniture and school apparatus, and \$2,500 to pay the board and tuition at the School of the children of Friends who had suffered most by the war, which has since been done. Secondly, To establish Primary Schools in every Friends' neighborhood, under the direction of our Association, and to appoint a competent Superintendent, to devote his whole time to their supervision.

We refer with satisfaction to the accompanying Report of our friend, Jos. Moore, late of Earlham College, Indiana—who accepted the office of Superintendent—to whose Christian interest and devotion to the work, much of our success is due.

Our expenditures have been for
Repair of Boarding School House, refitting
Furniture and School Apparatus, and Tuition of 36 children at the Boarding School, \$4,817.50
Thirty Primary and one Normal School, and aid to new School Houses, 4,770.36
Relief to families and individuals, 12,936.40
Office expenses, stationery, stamps, &c., 90.05

Total expenditure, \$22,554.31

A statement of our receipts from each Yearly Meeting will be published hereafter. The funds have always been kept at interest.

We are satisfied that the most useful pecuniary aid to families that we can now render, and one that will be most general in its application, and permanent in its results, is to assume the expense and oversight of the Schools (except the Boarding School) until our friends recover from the effects of the war, and we succeed in establishing a system which will sustain itself.

Our fund is ample to carry on this work, as now organized, for the next two years, employ a Superintendent of

Schools for three years thereafter, and afford such physical relief as may be needed the coming winter.

The subject of improved agriculture has claimed the attention of our Board, and our President has been directed to confer with North Carolina Friends at the time of their Yearly Meeting, next month, and submit to us a plan for accomplishing this very important object; without it, it will be impossible to prevent the emigration of many young people whose energy and ambition have been stimulated.*

Our Superintendent is directed to visit Friends' Meetings in East Tennessee, as early this Autumn as his North Carolina engagements will admit of, with a view of bringing those schools under our aid and supervision.

We would particularly acknowledge the sympathy and interest of our Brethren of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, whose great liberality has enabled us to enlarge and prolong our labor.

In conclusion we would express our increasing interest and great confidence in the work, and our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for his blessing upon it.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,

FRANCIS T. KING,
President.

BALTIMORE, 10th Mo., 23, 1866.

Then adjourned to the stated time in the 12th mo next

at a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore 12th mo 17th 1866. present 11 members.

The Committee on the colored population was continued. The Committee to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature of the State of Maryland on the subject of the colored people was continued.

A minute was received from our late Yearly Meeting informing us that they had appointed Chas W Davis to fill the vacancy in that Meeting's representation in this Meeting occasioned by the death of our late beloved friend Jos. King. Bro. Davis is invited to place his name on our list of members.

The Committee having charge of the division of the Yearly Meeting's property was continued.

The Committee to memorialize the City Council of Baltimore for an appropriation towards the education of the colored people of that City was continued.

Then adjourned to the stated time in the 3rd mo next.

at a Special Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore 2nd mo 19th 1867. not a quorum present. The Committee to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature of Maryland on behalf of the colored