

At a Meeting for Sufferings³¹⁸ held 10th month 17th 1868. Present 18 members, also the acceptable company of our friends, Paul Hill & Bro Hammer of Indiana Yearly Meeting, Caleb Jones of New England Yearly Meeting, and Paul Harland & Isaac Harland of New York Yearly Meeting. A minute was received from the Half Year Meeting of Virginia informing of the appointment of Jeremiah Willets and Orville White to fill the vacancies in that Meeting's representation in this occasioned by the decease of our friends Nathaniel C. Gresham and Micaiah Bates.

The Committee in regard to the Meeting House at Somerset reported progress in its erection. They were continued.

The Committee on the disburse of the Yearly Meeting's property, reported that One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), had been paid since our last meeting - They were continued.

The Committee to examine & report, if any opened, "A brief Statement &c" was continued.

The Committee to consider the subject of a Memorial to the Queen of Spain made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee decided

"To the Meeting for Sufferings."

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Memorial to the Queen of Spain in reference to the abolition of Slavery in the Spanish dominions, report that Memorials have been forwarded by the Representatives

of New York and Indiana Yearly Meetings.

Way did not open for the Committee to proceed in the matter, and the political revolution in Spain, which has recently taken place, renders probable that steps will be taken towards the abolition of Slavery throughout that Kingdom. On behalf of the Committee

Thos. J. King & Henry Thomas

The Committee on the Colored Population made the following report which was satisfactory to the Meeting and the Committee was continued for further labor as way opens for it -

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE UPON THE COLORED POPULATION. 10mo 15. 1868

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

The Committee to aid the colored people report: That they have continued to co-operate with "The Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People," for the past year.

The labors of that Association have been arduous and constant throughout the State, and we are pleased to find that Friends have borne a liberal share of the expense and work, showing continued interest in the cause.

Last year the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore adopted the City Colored Schools as a part of its excellent system of general education, and they have been re-opened by the City with an increase of Schools, teachers and pupils.

The care and expense of the 76 County Schools still fall upon the Baltimore Association, and were it not for liberal aid from the North, and from Friends of England and Ireland, they could not be sustained upon their present extended and efficient basis.

The colored people themselves have contributed about \$19,000 the past year towards the support of the schools as follows:

Paid Board and Washing of 76 Teachers in the Counties, and fuel and light for the School Houses; support of 28 Private Schools in the City, and \$1 per quarter to the 14 City Public Schools.....	\$12,500.00
Paid for Books in the Counties.....	3,000.00
Paid by a majority of the County Schools as a Missionary Fund in aid of feeble Schools.....	3,508.73
	\$19,008.73

This is the second year they have made this contribution, and it may be taken as a proof of their appreciation of education and their ability to add to the welfare of the State.

The Normal School building has been completed and the school is in successful operation under its efficient Principal and Assistant. There are 65 pupils in the Normal Class and 60 in the two Model Schools attached to it.

We again regret to state that there are about seventy school houses vacant in the counties, for the want of funds to pay teachers. These houses were built by the colored people themselves a year ago, and were referred to in our last report.

A Committee of four, two of them Friends, had an interview with the Special Education Committee of twenty-five, at Annapolis, last winter, and pressed upon them the adoption of the County Colored Schools into the State system of education. They also presented to the Legislature a Memorial upon the same subject, signed by several thousand of our citizens.

The Committee was kindly received and fully heard, and though the Bill failed, it received a large vote in the House, and we hope that another effort at the next session will be more successful.

* TABLE OF STATISTICS.

69 Schools in Counties, under care of Baltimore Association.....	2,800 Pupils.
20 Schools in Counties, under care of Freedman's Bureau.....	500 "
12 Schools in City, 28 Teachers, under care of the City.....	750 "
28 Schools in City, Private.....	560 "
1 " " Industrial.....	60 "
1 " " Normal.....	126 "
131	4,796 "