

And then adjourned to meet at the stated time in the 10th Month next—

J. C. Carey Thomas. Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore 10th Mo 16th 1869—present 17 Members, also the acceptance Company of several friends from other Yearly Meetings. The Committee on rebuilding the Meeting House at Somerton made the following report, which was acceptable to the Meeting, and the Committee continued to report to a future Meeting.

To the Meeting for Sufferings— We enclose a detailed statement of cost of the Somerton Meeting House ————— \$775.05

Paid by the Yearly Meeting ————— \$400 —
 " by Friends at Somerton \$200 ————— \$600 —
 Leaving balance yet due ————— \$375.05

This does not include painting and plastering— The House is occupied by Friends & proves to be a neat & convenient building. One of the Committee was there in the 2nd Month. They are about opening a School in one end of it—

On behalf of the Committee.

Balt^o 10/14. 1869.

F. T. King.

Bro B. Crenshaw was added to the Committee.

The Committee on the division of the Yearly Meetings properly reported that \$1000. had been paid since last report. They were continued.

The Committee to examine & reprint, if may should open for it. "A brief Statement &c" was continued.

The Com^{tee} to prepare a brief tract on the subject of Worship read & discussed.

The Committee to Co-operate with Friends of other Yearly Meetings in efforts on behalf of the Indians made the following report, which was satisfactory— This Meeting recommended to the Yearly Meeting the appropriation of \$800 as our proportion of the fund of \$2,000. proposed to be raised by the several Yearly Meetings to meet the current expenses of the Associated Committee.

INDIAN REPORT.

The Committee to cooperate with Friends of other Yearly Meetings in efforts on behalf of the Indians, Report:

That delegates from seven of the Yearly Meetings met in Baltimore, 1st Month, 20th, 1869. Their proceedings were reported to our Meeting for Sufferings, and entered upon its Minutes in the 3d Month last.

Committees from the four Western Yearly Meetings met at Indianapolis, 3d Month, 31st, 1869, and again at Richmond, Indiana, 5th Month, 12th, 1869, and invited the co-operation of all the Yearly Meetings in the United States, in a united effort on behalf of the Indians. Our Indian Committee responded to the invitation, and appointed Francis T. King and James C. Thomas, its Representatives. Representatives from seven of the Yearly Meetings met at Damascus, Ohio, 6th Month, 23d, 1869, in pursuance of the above call, and formed "The Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs," embracing two Representatives from each Yearly Meeting of Friends in the United States, except North Carolina, which is expected to appoint next month. The printed proceedings of that Meeting are herewith submitted, marked A.

The Associated Executive Committee again met at Plainfield, Indiana, 9th Month, 22d, 1869—every delegate present except one, representing the Yearly Meetings of New England, N. York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa.

We submit the Minutes of that Meeting, (B) also interesting Reports from the Superintendent Enoch Hong, from Agent Laurie Tatum, and from Thomas Wistar, John Butler and Achilles Pugh, who had visited the Indians by appointment of the "Associated Executive Committee."

Members of the Committee have made at least six visits to Washington during the past nine months, and were always kindly received by President Grant, Secretary Cox and Commissioner Parker.

There are in the United States 14 Indian Superintendencies, 60 to 70 Agencies, and over 300,000 Indians; of these we have one Superintendency, the Central, 9 agents, and about 20,000 Indians under our care. They are located in Kansas, and in the Indian Territory west of Arkansas, and south of Kansas. Many persons are under the impression that all of the Indians are under the care of Friends.

Brinton Durlington has charge of the Rappahoes and Cheyennes, numbering 4,000 to 5,000.

Laurie Tatum, the Camanches, Kiowas, Apaches and Wishatas, about 6,000, recently at war with the United States, and now removed to a new reservation south of Kansas.

John T. Gibson, Osages, 3,000 to 3,500.

Joel H. Morris, Pottowattomies, 2,000.

James Stanley, Arapahoes.

Thomas Miller, Sacs and Foxes.

Reuben L. Roberts, Shawnees.

Mahlon Stubbs, Kaws.

James D. Miles, Kickapoes.

The last five agencies are small.

The co-operation of the Government is cordial, and the Indians have met our Superintendent and Agents with confidence. Our Superintendent Enoch Hong, is at work with energy and ability, and the Agents are just entering upon their duties satisfactorily.

The wrongs of the past are however not yet healed in the hearts of the Indians, broken treaties are in dispute, and interested frontier white men seek to make war and trouble.

We feel, however, that we have a mission of love and peace to the Indian, and we accept in faith, as providential, the opening which has been made for us by the Government, to labor among them. In this effort is involved our duty to serve our Government as citizens, our duty to the oppressed Indian, and the test of peace principles—the law of love—in the breast of the savage.

We need from some of our members the sacrifice of social comfort at home for a life of labor, as teacher or farmer upon the Plains, we need the liberality of all classes among us to sustain our Missions, and we want the earnest prayer of faith that will remove mountains and give the blessing of Him, to whom we can only look for wisdom and guidance.

FRANCIS T. KING,
JAMES C. THOMAS.