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The Committee on the Colored Population made the following Report & this Meeting approved their Case - They were Continued to further labor as way opens.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE UPON THE COLORED POPULATION.

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

The Committee upon the Colored Population of our State, continue, to act with the "Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People."

This Association has shown no abatement in its interest and labor on behalf of the Freedmen.

It has sustained 61 Schools the past year in Maryland, exclusive of those in the City of Baltimore, employing 64 teachers, and numbering about 5,000 pupils. Besides these Schools the Freedman's Bureau has 82 Schools and about 4,000 pupils under its care in the lower part of the State.

In the City of Baltimore there are 13 Colored Schools, 39 teachers, and 1,312 scholars, a part of the regular School System

of the city, and we are pleased to acknowledge the liberality and care shown by the authorities in their support and efficiency. They have recently raised their grade to that of Grammar Schools.

Besides these, there are about 30 private Colored Schools, mostly for young children—many of these are very small and inferior.

The Normal School is still an interesting feature in this work—the centre of it—and it is entering upon another year, with the promise of great usefulness to the cause of Education among the colored people of our own State, and beyond it. The Normal Class has 70 students; Grammar Class 59; Primary Class 65—Total, 185. An increase of 60 since last year, and there are daily applicants, who cannot be admitted for want of room.

It is proposed to divide the old "Meeting Room," which is retained as a Hall, into additional Class and Study Rooms—retaining a large Room for the Library, now numbering 1,000 volumes.

There is a Principal and two Assistants, and two others, who are taken by turn from the Normal Class, for the Primary Department.

The annual cost of sustaining the Normal School is about \$3,100, and the receipts from pupils are about \$1,800 per year. It is very encouraging to witness the rapid and satisfactory progress of the pupils of this School in education and deportment.

It has been regularly incorporated by the State, and perpetuated through Trustees, for the education of the colored people—the property is valuable; and the corporation is free of debt.

We hope that the good results which have arisen from the city having assumed the instruction of the colored people within its limits, will induce the State, at the ensuing session of the Legislature, to incorporate the County Schools into the general State System of Education. A special effort will be made this winter to effect this.

There is a marked general desire among the colored people of Maryland, to be educated and have around them the comforts of a home. They continue to be faithful laborers, and the industrial interests of the State are feeling the good results of emancipation.

We cannot close this report without acknowledging the continued liberality of the Freedman's Bureau, and of our Friends of England and Ireland.

There have been periods in the history of this educational effort when it would have been greatly curtailed, or perhaps closed, had it not been for English and Irish aid. The establishment of the Normal School is mainly due to them.

RICHARD M. JANNEY,
FRANCIS T. KING,
JAMES CAREY,
JAMES C. THOMAS.

Baltimore, 10th mo. 13th, 1869.

And then concluded to
meet at the call of the Clerk
J. Carey Thomas, Clerk

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At a Stated Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore 12th month 20th 1869—present 11 members—We have also the acceptable Company of our beloved friend Eli Bond. of New England. Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on rebuilding the Meeting House at Somerton was Continued.

The Committee on division of the Yearly Meeting's property was Continued.

The Committee on reprinting a "Brief Statement &c" was Continued to report to next Meeting.

The Committee on Indian Affairs reported attention to the Service & was Continued.

The Committee on the Colored population was Continued—They were authorized to visit the Legislature of Maryland, if way should open & present a Memorial on the subject of the extinction of the Public School System to the Colored people of Maryland and report to our next Meeting.

James C. Thomas, John Scott, Francis T. King—John B. Crenshaw, Aaron H. Griffith, James Carey and Thomas H. Coy—were appointed to make such revision of the Book of Discipline as they may deem proper & report them to our next Meeting.

And then adjourned to the stated time in the Third Month, next—

J. Carey Thomas, Clerk.