

The Committee on the Colored Population made the following report which was acceptable to the Meeting. They were continued for further labor as may may open.

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

"The Committee upon the Colored Population report: They have continued to co-operate with the 'Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People.' 72 Schools have been sustained in the Counties, by the Association, the past year, at an outlay of \$28,000. The total disbursement of this Association since Emancipation, has been about \$190,000, contributed by a few individuals in the City of Baltimore, by the Freedmen's Bureau, and by friends of the cause in England, Ireland, and the North.

"The Association closed its labors at the termination of the school year, in the 6th month last, believing that the time had fully come to throw the responsibility of the Education of the Colored People upon the authorities of the State, where it properly belongs. This course was, indeed, a necessity, from the fact that no further pecuniary aid could be had from the Bureau, and the receipts from other sources had been greatly curtailed. We believe, however, that the Association has laid the foundation of an excellent school system for the Colored People, and that most of the schools will be sustained by them.

"The Committee, by direction of the Meeting for Sufferings, presented an earnest appeal to the Senate and House of Representatives of Maryland, in the third month last, that provision be made for the Education of the Colored People, as a part of the State system. The memorial was printed by both Houses, and published, as a part of their proceedings, in the Journal, and by the Press generally.

"An amendment to the School Bill was passed, appropriating to the support of the colored schools the educational taxes paid by the Colored People, and such additional amounts as the County Commissioners may grant them.

"Two or three Counties made small appropriations, not enough to materially aid the schools.

"As the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States will go into practical effect in our State next month, for the first time, it is believed that the numerical strength of the colored vote in half the Counties will be so great that their political status will secure them schools.

"The City of Baltimore (which has a separate public school law) continues to act with liberality and efficiency in providing schools for the Colored Population.

"There are 13 City Primary and Grammar Colored Schools, 1,621 pupils on roll—2,591 having attended during the year—the expense to the city being \$26,322 the past year, and \$30,000 has been appropriated for the ensuing year.

"The Baltimore Colored Normal School continues to receive the attention of the Committee, three of whom are members of its Board of eleven Trustees. The number of pupils the past year, 206; Primary, 24; Intermediate, 31; Male Grammar, 46; Female Grammar, 37; Normal, 68.

"The expenses were \$4,550; receipts \$3,840; deficit \$710 \$1,896 of the receipts were from the pupils. The deficit this year will be about \$3,000, as the Freedmen's Bureau and several Freedmen's Associations at the North, will cease to contribute.

"Over 70 well-qualified teachers have been sent out from this school to the Counties of the State, and there is a constant demand for them. There is a library of over one thousand volumes in the building, for the use of the scholars, and they highly appreciate it.

"In Virginia, Public Free Schools are now being established throughout the State, and it is required by law that an equal proportion of the school fund shall be appropriated to the Colored Schools, according to population.

"We herewith submit a report from the Half-Year's Meeting of Virginia, upon the Colored Orphan House at Richmond."

On behalf of the Committee, RICHARD M. JANNEY,
JOHN B. CRENSHAW,
FRANCIS T. KING.

Baltimore, 10th mo. 22d, 1870.

"At a Half-Year's Meeting of Friends in Virginia, held at Richmond, the third of tenth month, 1870, the following minute in reference to the Orphan House for Colored Children was sent up from Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to the Meeting for Sufferings.

"The account of the Treasurer of the Committee in charge of the Orphan House for Colored Children has been settled before your Committee. We find since last report, which was made first month, 10th, 1868, at which time the Treasurer was in advance \$250.30, there has been received by him \$3,022.30
And expended as per vouchers..... 3,009.00

Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands.....\$ 13.37

"There have been maintained in the Institution an average of thirty orphans. Thirty have been bound out, one of whom has been taken back on account of cruel treatment, and five have died. A school has been kept in the building, which all of the Orphans that were old enough attended the school having an average attendance of 85 scholars, and was supplied with teachers by Friends of New York and the City of Richmond. The City has rented the school room for the ensuing year, and established one of the free schools therein, which the Orphans have the privilege of attending.

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid.

JOHN B. CRENSHAW, Clerk.

The Committee on the Revision of the Discipline made the following Report,

"The Committee upon the Revision of the Discipline Report, that they have given the subject some attention and believing that more than verbal alterations are required would propose that the subject be deferred for the present, or that the Committee be directed to present a more full revision. A number of unbound sheets of the Discipline have been bound for the use of families in want of them.

On behalf of the Comtee J. L. Carey

J. L. King

J. C. Thomas

Balt: 10/22. 1870

They were continued to make the revision recommended and report to a future sitting.

A minute was received from Virginia Half Year Meeting informing us of the appointment of Nathaniel T. Crenshaw to fill the vacancy in that Meeting's representation in this. His name was directed to be placed on our list of members.

They concluded to meet at the stated time in 12th month next.

J. L. Carey Thomas, Clerk