

In addition to the Memorial to the Czar spoken of above, our Association prepared a special Memorial of its own, signed by its officers and suitably engrossed. Both of these were presented by the President of our Association, in company with a Friend in Washington, to the Russian Ambassador, who received them most kindly, and promised to forward the Memorials to the Czar. Afterwards the Ambassador sent a letter to our President expressing the Czar's appreciation of the response of the American people to his proposal.

During the past year, 121,800 pages of tracts have been sent out from our office to about 300 different individuals. As a number of these have been ministers, and others specially interested in the study of the subject, we trust that much educational work has been accomplished.

So long as the funds in our hands permitted, our retiring President, William G. Hubbard, continued, as in the past few years, his work of lecturing, particularly to schools and colleges, a work which we have reason to believe from letters received has been highly appreciated and effective. We have recommended him to the different Yearly Meeting Committees as a lecturer well qualified to address the public on this subject.

In the midst of much that would discourage us, there are many hopeful signs. The Peace Conference at The Hague, called by the Czar, is the first of its kind in history, and marks an epoch when universal peace has become no longer a dream of prophets, but a goal of practical statesmen. The rousing up of the Christian Endeavorers in the cause of Peace is another evidence of growth in public sentiment which is most cheering. The extremely few members of the Society of Friends who enlisted during the late war also shows that the Peace sentiment among us is still healthy and strong. Now is the time to work. Let us do our best for Peace in a general sense, and, without entangling ourselves with any political party, against an imperial policy and against coercing foreign peoples into subjection, and in favor of reducing, not enlarging, our armaments.

Our Association is very much hampered for want of funds, and if it could be well sustained it would be in a position to work far more effectively. We therefore ask our Friends in the Yearly Meetings to aid us in this way, as well as in information and suggestion.

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