

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE PEACE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

To Canada Yearly Meeting:

In the new conditions in which this country finds itself, with the military spirit greatly increased as a result of the late war with Spain, and of the war in the Philippines, and with dangers ahead of us in the direction of increasing armaments and foreign entanglements, there is pressing need that the forces for Peace should work together, strongly and unitedly, to make the most effectual impression possible upon the public conscience. The Directors and Advisory Board of this Association in their Conference of 10th month, 1898, felt that with this in view it is important that the workers for Peace in our various Yearly Meetings should be brought into closer contact one with another, so as to receive mutual support and fresh suggestions. Our desire is to make the Central Office in Richmond, Indiana, an efficient bureau of Information and Suggestion, so that local workers may learn with the least trouble and expense just what is being done in all the meetings, and in the world at large. The value of this central office is illustrated by the quick response from Friends in nineteen different States to the call for signatures to a Memorial to the Czar on the subject of the Peace Conference at the Hague, with the obtaining of about ten thousand signatures and the arousing of great interest in the subject among Friends and others.

For the complete carrying out of the plan it is essential that local workers shall keep our Secretary informed of any work that they are engaged in, so that our information may be as complete and reliable as possible.

With this end in view, and with the desire that our Association should do its share in the general work for Peace, one or other of our officers is in correspondence with prominent Peace workers not Friends, and we are devoting a portion of our periodical, *The Messenger*, to information as to Peace work in Europe. We would recommend this little sheet as a good Peace pamphlet, each number of which is suitable for general distribution.

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