

better able to help themselves, and thoughtful people who have money to give are careful to assure themselves that it will be a benefit instead of a stumbling block to the receiver.

Friends who have visited the schools for colored children which are under our care tell us of the remarkable economy practised there which seems to make a dollar go farther than in almost any other place it may be put; of the surprisingly large sum realized from the sale of the cast-off goods sent in barrels from the north; and, above all, of the wise devotion of the teachers in charge who out of very limited means are giving the colored people who come to them, the education and training which is fast making them useful members of the community.

Surely, if there is a wise charity, it is this. Although the schools themselves pay their running expenses, we in the north are expected to furnish money for the teachers' salaries. How hard it is to procure that money we have only to read the appeals in Friends' papers to realize. It cannot be that we are not convinced of the wisdom of giving in this direction, and yet a lukewarmness on the part of our members makes the struggle of the teachers in the south doubly hard. Not only have they to do the difficult work of the schools, but they must use every effort to raise money to defray expenses besides.

If each of the seven yearly meetings would take upon itself its proportion of the \$6,000 necessary yearly, and see that appropriations are made to that amount the difficulty would be overcome. We know that we can afford it, for we have afforded it. It is a work that must be done, and if ever one dollar is made to do the work of two, it is in these schools of the south which depend so largely upon us for their support.

That Friends are interested in the education of our children was demon-

strated by the lively discussion that took place at the joint meeting held on Third day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week. It was stated in the report of the Committee on Schools that the amount of \$500 appropriated for their use during the past year was not sufficient to allow them to extend aid to all who had made application. In spite of this fact no increase was made in the appropriation for the coming year.

The question must arise in our minds, "Are Friends as much interested in education as they profess to be, since they allow some of our children to go through life with an insufficient education, rather than undertake the expenditure of a few hundred dollars? Let us hope that our interest will assume a more practical mode of expression in the future.

Besides the money appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, the Educational Committee has expended nearly five times as much, contributed by individuals, for the assistance of the children of Friends in securing a secondary or college education.

It is characteristic of the donors that no one but the chairman of the committee knows who gives the money. The recipients know only that the help comes from Friends. Some one has said that the greatest pleasure in life is to do good deeds secretly—and *to be found out*. Some of our Friends seem to enjoy doing good without being found out. They are begrudged the pleasure by some who think a beneficiary has the right to know to whom he may express his gratitude and appreciation. But the best thanks he can possibly render are a good use of the gift, and a passing of it on to another when he shall be able.

The annual housecleaning and overturning that are necessary before a Yearly Meeting can be held in New York, involve an amount of work that few are aware of.