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**ABSTRACT**

The 19<sup>th</sup> century records of a Philadelphia-based Quaker organization whose aim was to provide textbooks which were aligned with Friends' principles, including not glorifying war.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

The Text Book Association of Philadelphia was founded in 1866, John H. Dillingham, secretary, and was located at 142 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Philadelphia. The aim of the organization was to procure suitable textbooks on history – first of the United States, then of England and other countries – so written as not to glorify war, and to do justice to moral causes in which Friends were interested. The Association was supported by the income of a fund given by Alfred Cope.

(Information from *List of Organizations managed wholly or in part by members of the Society of Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting*. Philadelphia, 1897)

**SUBJECT HEADINGS**

Text Book Association of Friends

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

Records of the Text Book Association of Friends, Philadelphia, Pa., 1866-1896, including letters received from authors who wished to write the text books, agreements with authors, including Watson W. Dewees, Sydney Howard Gay, Allen C. Thomas, and Edward A. Thomas; receipted bills; and miscellaneous material, including an account book of the Treasurer. In its copyright and other legal papers, this group is called The Text Book Association of Philadelphia.

