

The following report from the Standing Committee on Education, was received and read, and was satisfactory. The Committee was continued with the addition of the name of Samuel M. Janney, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting:

The Committee on Education report - they met on the 27th of 10th mo. 1852, and proceeded to the appointment of sub-committees to attend to the duties required, within the limits of the different Quarterly Meetings. And at an adjourned meeting held on the 12th of 3rd month, 1853, the following statistical statements were received, of the children of Friends of suitable age to attend schools, from the within the limits of all the monthly meetings, composing the different quarters, except those of Centre, from which no report has been received, viz -

Fairfax

Goose Creek - 88 children of suitable age to attend schools, 2 schools taught by Friends, and one under the care of the Monthly Meeting. 37 children attend.

Alexandria - 47 children of suitable age, 6 schools taught by Friends, 21 attend.

Fairfax - 60 children of suitable age, 5 schools taught by Friends, 34 attend.

Popewell - 97 children of suitable age, 4 schools taught by Friends, 69 attend.

Total 298, of which 161 attend schools taught by Friends.

Baltimore

Sandy Spring - 58 children of suitable age to attend school, 2 schools taught by Friends, 8 children attend.

Baltimore - 207 children of suitable age, 1 school under care of Friends, 28 attend.

Gunpowder - 53 children of suitable age, 8 schools taught by Friends, 53 attend.

Little Falls - 95 children of suitable age, 3 school houses belonging to Monthly Meeting, 2 in operation, 79 attend.

Total 413, of which 168 attend schools taught by Friends.

Warrington

Newbury Monthly Meeting, 30 children of suitable age. Monatten, 65. York, 8. Huntington, 50. Warrington, 42. Pipe Creek, 41. Total 236 children. No schools under the care of Friends' meeting, but several public schools taught by Friends.

Nottingham

Nottingham Monthly School Meeting, 100 children of suitable age to go to school.

Little Britain, 193. Deer Creek, 103. Total 396. No schools under the care of Friends' Meetings, but several public schools taught by Friends.

There appears within the limits of Fairfax, Baltimore, Warrington, and Nottingham Quarters, 1337 children of Friends, of suitable age to go to school, of which attend schools under the care of, and taught by Friends, (not naming district schools taught by Friends) 336 children.

This account informs us, that within the compass of our Yearly Meeting, excepting Centre Quarter, not reported, one thousand and one of our youthful members are without suitable schools under the care of Friends; most have opportunities of attending public schools taught about five months in the year.

We believe where sufficient means are afforded for the payment of teachers, there has not been an evidence of interest, which all thoughtful parents should feel for the proper cultivation of the minds of their offspring. If we believe the truth of the ancient proverb, that "ignorance is the mother of vice", an important enquiry suggests itself, may not some effort be made to change this state of things. So as to relieve or arouse our brethren from their present condition.

A communication from the Sub-Committee from the limits of Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, was received, expressive of their belief, that the object of the Yearly Meeting had in view, in the appointment of the Committee on Education, was imperfectly understood by the subordinate meetings, and suggested the propriety of issuing an address. After deliberate consideration their concern was united with, and a Sub-Committee was appointed to set forth the objects of this concern, in a clear and comprehensive manner.

At a meeting held on the 13th of the 3rd month, 1853, a communication was received from Warrington Quarters Sub-Committee, in part addressed to Warrington Preparative Meeting, recommending the building of a school house, which was read, and after due consideration the subject was approved of, and directed to be forwarded.

And at a meeting held on the 11th of 4th month, 1853, in accordance with adjournment, a report was received from the Committee appointed at a former meeting, to draw up an address, which