

Fifth day afternoon.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

The following reports have been received from five of our Quarterly Meetings on the subject of schools as directed by this meeting last year. No report has come to hand from Fairview from Quarterly Meeting.

Baltimore Quarterly Meeting Reports—148 children of Friends attending school. 77 of these attend schools taught by Friends. —

71 attend schools not taught by Friends.

There are two schools under the care of Monthly Meetings, one at Baltimore and one at Little Falls. The children with their teachers attend mid-week Meetings.

Fairfax Reports—76 children of Friends attending school. 36 of these attend schools taught by Friends. 20 attend schools not taught by Friends. There is one Monthly Meeting school at Good Creek taught by a member, and the children with their teacher attend mid-week Meetings.

That Monthly also informs that there are three schools within its limits taught by Friends.

Nottingham Reports—225 children attending school. 54 of these attend schools taught by Friends. 171 attend schools not taught by Friends. No schools under the care of Preparative or Monthly Meetings—but one taught by a Friend part of the season, the scholars of which attend mid-week Meetings.

Warrington Quarter Report—34 Friends children attending school. 23 of these taught by Friends. 11 not taught by Friends. No Monthly or Preparative Meeting school. There is a select ^{Monthly} Friends school within its limits containing 30 primary and academic departments, taught by two members who with the scholars attend mid-week Meetings. Also that all Friends children of a suitable age attend school from three to five months during the year.

Centre Reports. 102 are all attending school. 36 taught by Friends. 66 not taught by Friends.

Four schools under the care of Monthly Meetings. One at Jennings Park, and one at West Branch and one Preparative Meeting School at Centre.

By these reports it appears there are 585 children of Friends within the limits of Baltimore, Warrington, Fairfax, Nottingham and Centre Quarterly Meeting attending school. Of these 98 attend schools under the care of Monthly or Preparative Meetings and taught by Friends, 129 attend schools taught by Friends, but not under their care, and 358 attend schools not taught by Friends.

Which report was accepted by the Meeting.

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The Standing Committee to airbure the interest of the Fair Hill Fund, reported as follows:

The Standing Committee to airbure the interest of the Fair Hill Fund for the purpose of school & education, reports that during the year we have continued to give the subject much earnest and careful attention, and the active co-operation manifested by Friends in many parts of the Yearly Meeting—the growing interest and concern that appears to be felt in the education of ^(children) Friends, under our care and influence, is very satisfactory and encouraging to us. The experience of the past year fully confirms the conclusion of the Meeting for sufferings, that there is already an ample field of usefulness for the application of the fund. In some places schools have been instituted in connection with Meetings, in other places those in operation have been assisted—and in others the children of a few families have been brought together and taught by members—in neighborhoods too where public schools had hitherto been resorted to. In aid of these several schools, and of some individuals preparing for teaching the Committee have appropriated—during the past year the sum of \$1043.66 as follows:

Number of schools opened 8, number of pupils attending 124

Number of schools aided 6 number of pupils attending 33

Number receiving special aid with a view of becoming teachers 2

Whole number of Friends children receiving aid 159

One who received special aid, has since engaged in teaching with good success, and ^(now) teacher whose school has been assisted received her education at Fair Hill. The money used has been applied more or less within the limits of each of our several Quarterly Meetings.

In view of this lively and increasing interest in the subject of education, the Committee have endeavored to exercise a prudent care in the application of the fund, and hence have encouraged Friends to look to it for assistance only, and not for the full support of schools, otherwise a much larger expenditure would have occurred, but should this increasing interest in the cause of education continue, the income at our disposal, will most likely all be absorbed by this increasing demand upon it.

On behalf of the Committee

William Williams, School Hoopes,

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Which was approved, and Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting are encouraged not to relax their vigilance in relation to the right education of their children, but keep alive to its importance, and in connection, and cooperation with the Committee for disbursing the fund, and endeavor not only to continue, but still more to extend its practical usefulness.