

1876 in winter time, when most of their children attend the Public Schools.

With the report from Run Creek it is remarked that "suitable charts, maps, globes, &c. are greatly needed; but cannot be obtained for lack of means.

Gunpowder reports that quite a promising and very satisfactory school has been established there.

After Yearly Meeting last year, members of your Committee from Gunpowder introduced the subject in that meeting.

A Monthly Meeting Committee on Education was appointed. Thus the attending to this matter became the business of a few who persisted in their efforts until, in a few months, a school was established. It has been in successful operation ever since.

In many other neighborhoods new life has been inspired into the subject, and thoughts of our members turned to the importance of affording a guarded education to our youth, by keeping the matter open in our Preparative and Monthly Meetings.

Friends Elementary and High School in Baltimore has now in attendance fifty members, including those of whom one parent is a member. All of these belong to Baltimore Monthly Meeting. Nine of the teachers are members of this Yearly Meeting, and one a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The German, French and Scientific Departments of the institution are not yet supplied with teachers who are in membership with us. In all cases when it is possible, members are appointed to vacancies in the Corps of Instruction; the experience of the Principal plainly pointing to the fact that much advantage is gained by pursuing this course. We think that much of the success of this institution is due to the fact that it is known as a Friends school. While the community may not much sympathize with us on some points, we think that we are accredited with being a substantial people, worthy of confidence, and that with us their children are safe.

1876 At Swarthmore are three members of our Yearly Meeting as teachers, and eight as students.

Your Committee in its work has held steadily in view the hope of seeing in our society a system of schools beginning at the lowest Primary schools, and going through the various grades to the highest, Swarthmore being the head, with one uniform course of instruction, text books &c, so that the necessary removal from one to another will not retard the progress nor inconvenience any who may be interested.

We think some good has been accomplished during the year, in that the wants, weakness and powers of society have been canvassed. Some schools have been established, and some plans laid for the further, more vigorous and more systematic prosecution of the work.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee:

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The Standing Committee upon the Indian Concern made the following Report, which was satisfactory to the meeting. The committee was continued and encouraged to embrace every right opening that may present itself to benefit this injured people.