

1877 During the year we have not opened for much progress towards the accomplishment of the objects for which the committee was appointed, but we have not been unmindful of the duties laid upon us.

The statistical condition of our schools, so far as heard from, is much the same as last year.

Owing to the extreme depression in business circles throughout the country, it has not been found possible to take any definite action in the matter of establishing a Friends' Industrial School.

The Committee who had the matter in charge, having canvassed the subject in several neighborhoods, were encouraged to believe that, under different circumstances, substantial progress would be practicable. We feel desirous that so important a subject should be kept alive throughout the border of the Yearly Meeting, and are willing to suggest, that, should the Meeting think best to have a Committee on Education, another year, in selecting it, only those who are known to be alive and deeply interested in the cause should be appointed.

Eli M. Smith.

Clerk to the Committee.

Baltimore 10th Mo. 30th 1877.

This Report was approved, and a Committee was appointed to join with one from Women's Meeting, and propose to our next session the names of suitable Friends to have charge of the subject.

The Standing Committee having charge of the investment of the "Fair Hill Fund" made the following report which was satisfactory to the meeting, viz;

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee, having in charge the "Fair Hill Fund," report, that there has been paid out upon drafts from the disbursing committee, the past year, the sum of \$1,081.09; for taxes \$10.00, total \$1,091.09; the receipts from investments, \$1,119.95; the balance for the present year \$28.86, added to the accumulated interest, leaves in the hands of our Treasurer \$847.51.

Thomas Y. Canby

Richard C. Bentley

Baltimore 11th Month 31st 1877.

Gerard H. Reese

Thomas H. Matthews

1877 The Committee to disburse the income from the "Fair Hill Fund" for educational purposes, made the following report, which was approved by the meeting, viz;

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Standing Committee, to disburse the interest of the "Fair Hill Fund" for educational purposes, reports that in the past year we have expended within the limits of our several Quarterly Meetings, \$1,081.09 in aid of eight schools containing an aggregate of one hundred and fifty children of Friends; five of which are under the care of Monthly or Preparative Meetings. In addition to this, five individuals have received aid, one of whom is preparing for teaching. It is the judgment of the Committee, that schools, receiving aid from this fund, should as far as practicable, be taught by Friends, and be under the care of Monthly or Preparative Meetings.

We would further suggest, that in order to extend the usefulness of the Fund, which is not large, Friends, within the limits of the different meetings, look toward establishing schools, wherever it can be done, by subscribing such amounts as their circumstances will allow, and when non-members attend they should pay a full tuition fee. By thus combining individual effort with the fund, superior teachers may be employed and satisfactory schools brought within the reach of all.

On behalf of the Committee

William Wood

Heclassah J. Meier

Edwin Blackburn

Lydell C. Stabler

Baltimore 11th Month 1st 1877.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of marriage, as brought up from Fairfax Quarter, made the following report, which was adopted by the meeting, and the propositions directed to be printed in the extracts, viz;

The Committee appointed to consider the proposed change of Discipline, as brought up from Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, reports that they did not open to approve the change at this time, but they were united in recommending that the proposition be entered upon the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.