

1880 that the best interests of the Society of Friends, are intimately connected with the guarded education of our children; that this matter should claim and secure the serious consideration of the whole membership.

Around them are temptations of every kind. From these they should be shielded, and before them be held out what is profitable. Among the most dangerous of the temptations to which our children are subjected, is the flood of pernicious literature which finds its insidious way into every school and household.

To guard them against the poisonous influence of these agencies, the only remedy seems to be the institution of Schools, under the care of teachers in membership with us, and securing together a guarded education.

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To obtain this condition of things, it seems proper that we should at first aim to secure, as suggested in the report made here in 1876, a system of schools, beginning at the lowest primary schools and going through the various grades to the highest, Swarthmore College, possibly being the head, with one uniform course of instruction, approved text books, &c.

Our work, from our earliest appointment, has been for this. At some of the conferences, held during the year, committees have been appointed for the purpose, are now at work to advance this important concern. The last one of which was held at Gunpowder, 9th mo, 12, produced the following report, which, having been approved by your Committee, with its recommendations, is hereby forwarded to the Yearly meeting for its consideration, viz:

Baltimore, Tenth month, 1880.

To the Educational Committee.

The committee has found a want, in many of the minor meetings of society, of the necessary means to employ teachers in membership with friends. It has been a matter of deep concern with many that their children must be taught in the public schools, and be exposed to influences that lead from the teachings

1880 of concerned parents, and from the fold in which it is so desirable, that they should be kept. It is a constant source of complaint that the children of Friends are being drawn off from Society.

Probably the most fruitful source of our decadence, (if there be any thing of this kind) is that Friends fail of necessity, to comply with the requirements of the twelfth Query.

It is the judgment of this committee that there is not likely to be any improvement in this respect, unless Friends are willing to make a more determined effort, with labor and means to establish schools throughout our borders. We are impressed with a belief that a way may be opened by which every monthly meeting may be supplied with suitable teachers in membership with us. With this view of accomplishing this object, we suggest that the meeting be respectfully asked to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, in addition to what is now to its credit, and that the committee be authorized to expend this sum, in its discretion, for the purpose of spreading through the schools that may be established, the principles, and moral and consistent habits, which it has been one of the objects of our society to inculcate from its formation to the present time.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

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Which was read, and on consideration, was adopted. The Committee is continued, and are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, at their discretion for the sum of one thousand dollars, to be used for the purposes indicated in the report.

18 The Committee appointed at a former sitting to nominate Friends