

1881 Soon after the year began, caused a void that we could not fill, and greatly lessened our ability to carry forward the work laid out by him, upon whom the Committee depended for the accomplishment thereof. The Meetings this week have been full of interest, and two of them have been attended by a large majority of our members. These conferences at which there has been a full and free comparison of views, have had the effect to put our concern upon a different basis from that upon which it appeared to rest, when we first met early in the week.

Great unity has marked our Meetings, and the Committee have been enabled, we think, to see the way open for effective work in the future. But little of the money placed at the disposal of the Committee by our last year's meeting, has been called for. Renewed life appears to exist in the schools now open, and there is a prospect that efforts will be made to gather together, in several places, where competent instructors can be found,

Report of Educational Com. as many children as possible, and place them in charge of teachers in membership with us. Beginning thus, we think, with a little assistance here and there, at first start, we may establish schools, whereat Friends afford a proper tone, and exert such an influence, that others, seeing the excellence thereof, may be useful in maintaining them. It is proposed to arrange for such a plan of co-operation throughout all of our schools, that the salient points of excellence in one may be made of service in others, and the difficulties that may arise, here and there, may be, by a proper system of helping one another, greatly lessened if not removed.

In conclusion we ask the Yearly Meeting, to lend all the aid in its power to this most important concern. This field of labor is very broad and very long, and the harvest fruitful with the welfare of our Society. While the Indian Concern, the Temperance and Tobacco reforms, should not be lost sight of, nor their importance underestimated, we submit that the education of our children within our limits should claim our first consideration. It is the hope of our Committee that we may in the following months, receive from our fellow members in the different Monthly Meetings, to which we belong, their warm sympathy and hearty co-operation.

Your Committee promise their

1881 best efforts on behalf of this important work, should they be continued.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee.

George B. Passmore
Deborah Hoopes

21 The Joint Committee appointed on Second Day afternoon, to nominate Friends to serve as a Standing Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following report, which was read and approved by the Meeting, and the Friends, therein named, were appointed as said Committee.

Baltimore Seventh Month 1st 1881.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to nominate a Committee on Indian Affairs, report for that service:

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Indian

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appointed

Richard T. Bentley.

Thomas H. Matthews.

Cyrus Blackburn.

Mary L. Roberts.

Lydia C. Stabler.

Levi A. Brown.

Deborah Hoopes.

Thomas Y. Canby.

James Wood.

Darlington Hoopes.

Elizabeth M. Matthews.

Ann Eliza Matthews.

Edith D. Bentley.

Jesse W. Guest.

Joseph S. Sannoy.

Bernard T. Sannoy.

Mary C. Blackburn.

Anna S. Walton.

Elizabeth M. Hoopes.

Edward Stabler, Jr.

Robert F. Roberts.

On behalf of the Committee

Darlington Hoopes.

Rebecca M. Thomas.

22 The Committee appointed at a former sitting to nominate Friends to constitute, in conjunction with those appointed by Women's Branch, and those reported by the respective Monthly Meetings, the Representative Committee for the ensuing year, made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Friends therein named, are accordingly appointed to the