

1883. advertised in Friends Intelligence and Journal for two or three months, and obtained the names of several, a few of whom were deemed worthy of recommendation, and for most of whom, positions were obtained in places considered suitable for them. We are continually embarrassed by applications for teachers which could not be satisfactorily filled. Again do we feel called upon to urge upon Friends the necessity for affording all encouragement to any young member who may show qualifications for becoming a good teacher. A little money loaned to such a one may do an immense amount of good, and return to the benefactor blessings a hundred fold.

Com' on Educa- tion. Much correspondence has been conducted by different members of the Committee, and strenuous efforts have been made in the direction of establishing new schools, strengthening older ones, and in creating an interest in the cause of education. Especially among our young parents does there seem to be a desire to feel the way into the right direction to educate the children. Your committee have, in their labors, been warmly welcomed wherever they have gone to talk about this important concern.

Reports from nearly every Monthly and Preparative Meeting have been received, and we feel that there exists, in almost every settlement of Friends, a desire to establish a school to which the future guardians of this Church may go for such training as may enable them to be good and useful members of Society and of the State.

An increasingly lively interest in the cause of education is very apparent in our Society, evidence of which is plainly shown in our correspondence, extracts and statements from which follow:

In Baltimore, "The Monthly Meeting School is larger at this season than ever before at the same time of year, and the concern of Friends to have their children well grounded in love of our principles and testimonies, and to have them under the care of judicious and concerned members of our own fold, is very generally manifested. Great pains have been taken to perfect arrangements and

1883. increase the facilities for strengthening both body and mind. About \$750.00 have been expended within the last year to add to the accommodations of the School, and pay for apparatus, maps, charts, &c.

At Sandy Spring, a commodious and well equipped school house has been built at an expense of \$2,500, in response to a desire for "a school where our children could have a liberal and guarded education, and at the same time enjoy home training and influence". To aid in equipping and heating this school, your committee appropriated a sum of money from the fund placed at its disposal by the Yearly Meeting. This school opened 10th month 15th, with 44 pupils. The report says, "we feel encouraged and hope we are in a fair way to establish a school for the want of which we have been obliged to send our children to schools where the influences were not such as we desired."

Little Falls has been compelled, very reluctantly, to suspend their school temporarily for the want of a suitable teacher. There is no lack of interest here in the matter, and Friends hope "that in right wisdom it may be again opened to be, as in the past, a useful and instructive institution."

Gunpowder says, "Our school has been favored from its commencement, to have efficient, suitable teachers in membership with us, and whilst there has been but little effort made to teach the distinctive principles and testimonies, or religious views as held by Friends, we believe there has been at all times, a care to endeavor to instill into the youthful mind the highest standard of morality. The district in which our school is located is well supplied with public schools, which are, perhaps, as unobjectionable as such schools usually are, but then surroundings are not such as we of the Society of Friends are satisfied to place our children under the influence of. We therefore the more fully appreciate the blessing that has attended the aid received from a portion of the Fair Hill fund, for without this help the probability is that such a school as we have had, with properly qualified teachers, would not have been maintained."