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All the Monthly Meetings of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting have Educational Committees.

"Nottingham Monthly Meeting has three Preparative Meetings viz; West Nottingham, East Nottingham and Oxford, and each of these has its own School and under the direct care of the Preparative Meeting Committee. Nottingham Monthly Meeting, also has an Educational Committee under whose care all work." To aid the work here this committee made a small appropriation.

At Brick Meeting House, "the school building has recently been repainted outside, and all needed repairs attended to." At Rising Sun, "a new building has been erected and the school supplied with \$100. worth of apparatus." At Oxford, an additional recitation room and furniture for it and the main school room, have been supplied at a cost of about \$115."

Comi on Educa tion. Little Britain says, "We have no school within the limits of Little Britain Monthly Meeting of the kind quired after, nor is there any desire to have a separate School for Friends children."

A report from one of our members at Drumore says, "We have no schools under the care of the Monthly Meeting. The children of Friends of a suitable age generally attend the Public Schools, some of which, though the smaller number, are taught by Friends."

From Deer Creek, "There is no school under the care of this Monthly Meeting, and the meeting as a body does not desire one."

A member of our committee from Mill Green says, "We have no schools and so few scholars that we cannot arouse any interest to amount to any thing on the subject. I wish it were different. A Friends' school in a neighborhood is a power for good morally, and spiritually and our Society is feeling the blighting effects of sending to the Public Schools, and will never arise in their ancient purity until the principles, the foundation that the Society rests on, are inculcated in the minds of the children. When the subject has taken hold of the minds of

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Friends may it grow and spread throughout the borders of our Society."

At Pipe Creek, a school under the care of an Educational Committee was opened 9th Month 3^d, and very encouraging accounts have been received therefrom. A small appropriation was made by your committee in response to an application from this committee.

At Menallen, there is no school now, but Friends are actively engaged in preparing for one, and say, "We are not discouraged, but think we will get our school started before another Yearly Meeting."

From Centre Quarterly Meeting we have two reports. One says; "The greatest difficulty in the way of a school at our Meeting House, is, that it is not central enough to meet the wants of many Friends' children. Most of them would have to board away from home. Friends who have the largest number of children to attend school, are four or four and a half miles distant. Could we get them together, we have children enough to make a good school, but with all our efforts, we have not yet been able to get up sufficient interest to get all of them in a Friends' school."

From Bedford, a report from a member of our committee, says; "We have no school at this time under care of the Monthly Meeting. Many Friends continue desirous to have a school, but we are so situated here, that but few Friends can be accommodated at any point without boarding from home, and a competent teacher seems also to be wanting. I hope we may in the near future have a school under our care."

From Fairfax we have reports from Hopewell, Waterford and Alexandria.

Waterford: "A few Friends have been thoughtful of this concern, but no way opens for the prosecution of it. There is such a desire, and we are not without hope of yet starting one. None of our children are under care of Friends. There is a Monthly Meeting committee on Education here."