

1889 In this way a number of schools have been aided, and the work therein has been improved.

Considerable correspondence has been had for the purpose of endeavoring to stir up more life in this field of labor. Conferences have been suggested in various places, but there has not seemed to be a want felt for them.

Report of Educational Committee
It had been the hope of this Committee that through the efforts of the Yearly Meeting, Friends' Schools of grades to suit the needs of every neighborhood might be started and sustained. As a means of promoting the welfare of our Society, we considered the importance of educating our children liberally and under our own care, one of the greatest. Our young people could be thus equipped for many and useful stations in life, and opportunities afforded them for disseminating the views and principles of our religious Society over new ground. A good teacher in membership with us finds but little difficulty in obtaining congenial and profitable employment, and there is for them such a demand that often when wanted for places within our fold they cannot be found. Schools within reach of our people at home must be afforded for it is rarely life that a love for literary pursuits is generally laid, and if a course of systematic education be deferred until the later years of boyhood or girlhood, it in rare instances accomplishes as much as might otherwise be done.

The foundation at least should be laid before the child is old enough to leave home for study among strangers.

Opportunity has lately been afforded to such as might be well equipped, to take a course at Swarthmore College free of cost, but in most instances it has been found that the ground work of those applying has been deficient.

This statement is made to call attention to the importance of having good preparatory schools at home.

This Committee then reiterates its oft repeated recommendation to all of our Meetings to give attention to this important concern. The youth should be carefully looked after, and they will be, if not by our own Society, by others, who are always ready to gather good people into their folds.

The Committee has endeavored to collect as much information concerning educational matters as is possible, and to tabulate the same, but owing to insufficient returns, and incomplete reports,

1889 it was found impossible to arrive at satisfactory results in this respect. Having labored as far as has appeared to be practicable in the matter committed to our care, and accomplished results, not at all commensurate with the desire and hopes of those who have worked, it seems that the present Committee should be reorganized. It therefore seems proper that they ask the Meeting to release them from further service.

Respectfully submitted,
Eli M. Lamb, Chairman.

Nominating Committee for Educational Committee
After consideration of the subject the labors of the Committee were approved and in accordance with their request, they were released. The following Committee was appointed to nominate with a similar Committee from Women's Branch, suitable Friends to serve as a Joint Standing Committee on Education, viz:

Jonathan K. Taylor,	John Thomas,	Samuel W. Rice,
Pemberton Wood,	Cyrus S. Grist,	Thomas Hollingsworth,
Samuel A. Gover,	John L. Bond,	Edward Shoemaker,
William Brown,	Alfred Wood,	William J. Mc Coy,
Ellis F. Passmore,	Nathan Moore,	Albert Blackburn.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day Morning, 29th of the month.

The Meeting re-assembled at 10 o'clock.

13. The report from Nottingham Quarter having been received, it was read at this time, all of the Representatives named therein were present except five, one of them having deceased since his appointment.

John J. Cornell
visits Women's Branch
Our Friend John J. Cornell laid before the Meeting a concern that he entertained to make a visit in Gospel love to our sisters. Isaac Wilson having made a similar request much unity was expressed thereunto. Women's Meeting informed that they would receive the visit at this time and William Williams and Thomas H. Matthews, were selected to accompany them.