

1890 furnishing statistical information of the Schools, the Teachers, Scholars, etc., throughout the Yearly Meeting.

Report of Baltimore Yearly Meeting Central Committee on First-day Schools.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:-

Report of First-day School Committee. Most of the Central Committee on First-day Schools since their appointment have fully appreciated the importance of the work entrusted to their care. Feeling the great responsibility resting upon them they have appealed to that Monitor who regulates all well, believing that if they gave the subject the necessary attention and followed His guidance the work would prosper. As the future of our Society depends so largely upon the young members of today we should be very zealous in endeavoring to instruct them, not only in our pure simple faith, but in the practical religion and high morality which we proclaim to the world. We believe that the First-day Schools throughout our borders are doing a noble work in thus promulgating our views. There are in all of our Monthly Meetings, and those of them that have reported show that the Teachers are conscientious workers relying upon the Divine Father for direction.

Two schools have been discontinued during the past year, one of which will probably resume next term.

From the twenty-three schools, sixteen reports have been received, from which we glean the following information:- ten meet after meeting and six before, all schools except one meet every First-day during their term, some being in session during Summer months, others during those of Winter; nearly all children and teachers attend regularly our meetings for worship, but we fear that they do not receive proper encouragement as some of the schools are not aided by a Monthly Meeting Committee.

One report asserts that the co-operation of the older members of Meeting would greatly increase the interest of the young in the work; of all the schools only the two in Baltimore hold regularly teachers' meetings.

We must note in this connection our disappointment that the many benefits derived from this intercourse should be lost to most of our schools. Inasmuch as the Yearly Meeting appropriates a considerable sum for the preparation of the Lesson Leaves used by the schools,

1890- the Committee deemed it expedient to send a delegate to the General Conference held at Pendleton, Indiana, 9th to 16th 1890, which selected topics to be used in the Lesson Leaves and arranged for work during the succeeding two years. All the schools report using these Lessons and as auxiliary aids in instruction, Friends Discipline and the Intelligencer.

Report of First-day School Committee. Two special Conferences were called by this Committee to discuss subjects pertaining to First-day Schools, one being in Baltimore at the time of Quarterly Meeting in Third Month last, the other at Lincoln, Virginia, at the time of Fairfax Quarterly Meeting in Eighth Month. These were seasons of deep religious feeling.

The Youths' Meeting held First-day afternoon preceeding Yearly Meeting, at which were present representatives from nearly all of the schools and many friends of the cause, was an occasion of unusual interest and instruction.

During the year we have expended one hundred and fifty dollars, \$150, for Lesson Leaves; seven dollars and ninety seven cents, \$7.97, for stationery and postage; also, thirty one dollars and seventy three cents, \$31.73, for travelling expenses of delegate to General Conference held at Pendleton, Indiana, and those of a lecturer from Philadelphia to Baltimore Conference; and nine dollars and seventy five cents, \$9.75, for printing circular letter and programmes; making the total amount expended one hundred and ninety nine dollars and forty five cents, \$199.45.

This being census year we present our statistical report as appended below:

Should the Yearly Meeting approve the labors of the Committee during the past year and desire a continuance of the same, we respectfully ask that the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200, be appropriated for their use during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L Lamb, Chairman,

Sarah R Matthews, Clerk.