

1891 The recommendation of the Committee, that Martha L. Townsend, of Baltimore, be added to the Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of our friend Anna Fanner, was approved by the Meeting, and she is accordingly confirmed as a member of the Committee.

15 The remaining Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Indiana and Illinois were now read, showing much spiritual life and activity in good works, upon the part of our brethren of those distant Yearly Meetings.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning, 27th of the Month.

The Meeting convened at 10 o'clock.

16 The Joint Central Committee on Firstday School Work submitted their Annual Report, which was read, giving a detailed account of the condition of the Schools throughout the Yearly Meeting, and much other information, and valuable suggestions, for the furtherance of this work.

Report of Baltimore Yearly Meeting Central Committee on Firstday Schools.
To Baltimore Yearly Meeting:
Dear Friends:— The Committee continued by last Yearly Meeting, to have a general charge over the Firstday School interests within its borders, have not been unmindful of their duties, but have given the various subjects brought under their jurisdiction due consideration.

Several efforts were made during the year to hold conferences in the different parts of the Yearly Meeting, but away not appearing to open, none of these very instructive and profitable sittings were held. The Executive Committee have held meetings in Baltimore whenever it was deemed necessary, but they feel that the subject of such vital

1891 interest to the Meeting, viz: The religious enlightenment of the youth, would receive much better treatment at our hands if members of our Society, not on this Committee, would address us occasionally, thus giving us the advantage of their experience.

We believe that the whole Society would be benefitted if our Friends would aid the Committee in this way. The Clerks always welcome communications from such a source, for these stimulate to greater activity within this body.

From the twenty-four schools, twenty-one reports have been received, from which we present the following information: ten meet after the usual Firstday Meeting, and ten before; five schools are in session the whole year, four during winter months and eleven during the summer months, the sittings averaging one hour in duration.

Report of Firstday School Committee
A very large proportion of those attend Meeting, but we notice that but six of our schools report that "nearly all" of the children belonging to the Monthly Meetings attend Firstday Schools, and that in other localities an average of only five-eighths of the children of members receive this religious instruction. In this connection we would like to urge upon Friends the necessity of having their children receive the valuable instruction given in our Firstday Schools.

Seven Firstday Schools have no Monthly Meetings' Committee exercising a care over them. It is the sense of this Committee that each Monthly Meeting should appoint a Committee on Firstday Schools, which should have a general oversight over the exercises of the school; and should select as teachers only those who are studious religious educators. But two schools hold regular teachers meetings, the remaining ones thereby losing the increased strength imparted by the feeling of hearty co-operation.

All of the schools use the valuable "Friends' Lesson Leaves", and some report using "Friends' Intelligencer" and other papers as aids.

Invitation was extended through the Committee to the Firstday School General Conference to hold its biannual meeting within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, at