

1893. The Committee having requested the meeting to reorganize their body, or to appoint a new Committee, it was directed, after consideration of the proposition to appoint a Committee, to act jointly with a similar body from Women's Branch, in nominating members to serve as a new Standing Committee on Philanthropic Labor. The following were named to represent this Branch upon the Nominating Committee aforesaid viz:

Labor	A. Edward Jannay,	Nathaniel B. Branson,	James H. Brown,
Benjamin H. McKillop,	Robert R. Walker,	Morsey Blackburn,	
George E. Shelby,	Hugh R. Holmes,	Thomas M. May,	
Jonathan Ambler,	Morris Thorne,	Nathan Moore,	
Job Hubbard,	William Henry May,	Eli W. Lamb,	
Cyrus J. Priest,	William King,	Jonathan Taylor,	

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day Morning, Tenth Month 31st.

The Meeting assembled at ten o'clock.

16 The joint Committee in charge of the Firstday School interest in the Yearly Meeting, now submitted their Annual Report, as follows viz:

Report of Baltimore Yearly Meeting Committee on Firstday Schools.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed by the last Yearly Meeting to attend to the interests of the Firstday School within its borders, have given the subject their attention, and while there has been but one Conference called, it has not seemed advisable to attempt more, yet we feel that there is an increasing interest in the work.

We have received reports from each of the fifteen Monthly Meetings belonging to our Yearly Meeting, with the exception of Fairfax.

The correspondent at Sandy Spring informs us, that the Monthly Meeting Committee in charge thought it best not to open the school this fall.

1893

We have one new school at Broad Creek.

While a great many of the reports are very satisfactory, there are partial ones sufficient to render it impossible to present a correct statistical one to the Yearly Meeting.

From the information received, we find that we have twenty-two schools. Of these, eleven meet before meeting, and eleven after; all schools meet every Firstday during their term, except at the time of Quarterly or Circular Meetings; some being in session during summer months, others during those of winter, but the majority throughout the year.

Nearly all of the children and teachers attend our Meetings for worship.

We still notice that a number of the schools do not receive the support of a Monthly Meeting Committee, though there seems to be an improvement in this respect. Very few of the schools hold regular teachers meetings, where an interchange of thought might do much to stimulate the timid to greater exertions.

Some of the teachers express a need for that which will create an interest, in the minds of their pupils to attend regularly, growing out of a consciousness that they are losing something valuable by staying away.

We would like to ask parents to encourage by every means in their power, and especially by example, the regular attendance of our Firstday Schools, and to participate in the exercises, thus attesting their interest and sympathy; also that young friends, who are preparing for and entering into the duties of life, neglect not this avenue leading toward the development of the good and true.

All the schools report using the "Lesson Leaves," and some the Friends' Discipline, and "Intelligencer and Journal" in their class work. One report states that a need is felt for some weekly paper for smaller children.

We believe that the exercises of the schools are generally found to be a great pleasure and profit to the participants, as well as a strength to the meetings for worship.

The exercises of the Youth's Meeting held on Firstday afternoon of Yearly Meeting, were quite interesting, evincing