

To the Early Meetings:

The Committee for promoting the religious and educational interests of our members and Meetings report that less work had been done than last year, though the need has been as great.

We have collected no statistics, but believe they should be collected every year for the use of the committee.

The balance due on the new Meeting-house at New Creek which was reported in our last report, has been paid.

Friends at Cider Grove are building a new stone Meeting-house to cost about \$3000, and they need about \$1000 to complete it. This house is now under way, and will be a handsome and commodious building.

Large donations, including the lot, have been made by some of the citizens of the place, and of our Society. We commend this subject to Friends, and encourage them to extend all the aid they feel in their power.

Our little has been contributed or collected for educational purposes, but we feel greatly indebted to the Miles White Beneficial Society for the education of several of our children at boarding schools the past year. We feel that the subject of education within our own limits has not failed to find of our members, as it should, and we desire that as all may as well in this most important field within our own borders.

The Washington Meetings have been kept up regularly with one exception caused by repairs going on in the buildings. The average attendance for the whole year, however, that meetings notwithstanding many causes for discouragement, feel encouraged to go on.

The small individual Meetings at Benderwood have been lately discontinued, but we hope the few Friends who composed it may feel strengthened to begin again. Washington Meetings have been visited several times. Montgomery County once, the Virginia's half-year Meeting at Black Creek, in the spring, and at Richmond in the fall. Sumner's Creek quarterly Meeting once, Cider Grove once, the members at Smithdale once, Morriston once, New Creek by a large number of the committee. At Sumner's Creek special meetings were held.

In conclusion we would recommend that the committee should be continued and encouraged to give the service for however much we may be called to Mission work outside the Society, we cannot escape the responsibility of our membership in the Society, and the duty we owe to the Church, and to the individual members.

In behalf of the committee

Allen C. Thomas

L. M. Naul

Richard L. Thomas

Baltimore 10 month 22nd 1878.

23. The following satisfactory report of the committee on General Meetings was read, and they were continued to report next year. Samuel J. Nease was added to the committee to the Early Meetings.

The committee would report that a General Meeting was held at Richmond Va. on the 11th month 1877 at New Creek in the latter part of the same month in the new Meeting-house. At Baltimore on the 3rd month 1878 all of which were occasions of much interest and blessing.

The committee believe that there are openings for holding meetings in other parts of the State Meetings, and in that that the concern may continue to set both Friends.

In behalf of the committee

As. Isaac Sumner

Mary B. Thomas

Baltimore 10th month 23rd 1878.

24. A brief account of the proceedings of a conference on Education held in Baltimore the 21st and 22nd of 12th month 1877, at which all the Early Meetings of Friends in this country were represented, was submitted to the committee.

Its aim was to give more efficiency and unity to the educational efforts of the several Early Meetings by unity of purpose, a more uniform school system, and a closer and stronger central point for higher education.

The committee were referred to send delegates to a similar conference to be held at Richmond, Indiana. The meeting expressed its hearty approval of their efforts to give the youth of our Society a more thorough, guided, and higher education and appointed James A. Lee, James C. Thomas, Richard L. Northampton, Geo. L. Scott, Mary S. Lee, Elizabeth S. Kephart.