

To the Sealy 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 Meetings House at New Creek which was referred to in our last report, has been paid.

Friends at Silverville are building a new stone Meetings 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, not of our Society. We commend this subject to Friends, and encourage them to extend all the aid they feel in their power.

Very 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 Christian schools the past year. We feel that the subject of education within our own limits has not taken hold of our members as it should, and we desire that by all means we move in this most important field within our own borders.

The Washington Meeting has been kept up regularly with one exception caused by repairs going on in the building. The average attendance for the whole year 1877. The members of that meeting notwithstanding many causes for discouragement, feel encouraged to go on.

The small individual Meetings at Berdysville, have been lately discontinued, but we hope the few Friends who composed it may feel strengthened to begin again. Washington Meeting has 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. Summers Creek Quarterly Meeting once, Silverville once, the members at Southdale once, Magnolia once, New Creek by a large number of the Committee. At Summers' last special meetings were held.

In conclusion we would recommend that the Committee should be continued and encouraged to further 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 our individual members.

On behalf of the Committee

Allen C. Thomas

L. M. Naul

Richard L. Thomas

Baltimore 10 month 24th 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.

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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 Meetings House. At Baltimore on the 3^d 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 Sealy's Meetings, and we trust that the concern may continue to rest with Friends.

On behalf of the Committee

Allen C. Thomas

May 16. Thomas

Baltimore 10th month 23^d 1878

24. A brief account of the proceedings of a Conference on Education held in Baltimore the 21st and 22^d of 12th month 1877, at which all the Sealy Meetings of Sealed in that country were represented, was submitted to the Committee.

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

We were officially asked to send delegates to a similar conference to be held at Richmond, Indiana. The meeting expressed its hearty approval of these efforts to give the South of our Society a more thorough, qualified, and higher education, and we appoint James C. Thomas, James C. Thomas, Joseph R. Northampton, Geo. L. Scott, Mary S. Edge, Elizabeth J. Stephens.