

- 19 The following satisfactory report was read from the First Day School Association showing a slight increase of scholars over the past year.

Report on First Day Schools

Reports have been received from all the Monthly Meetings, from which it appears there are 19 First Day Schools, held an average of over ten months of the year, with an enrollment of 1263, and an average attendance of 838, of whom 124 are Friends children. Two of the Monthly Meetings have no First day school at present. Most of the others show some increase in numbers and interest.

On behalf of the Committee

John C. Thomas, Secretary.

- 20 The Educational Committee presented the following report which claimed the warm interest of the Meeting. It was united with and our members were encouraged to raise by voluntary subscription the sum of \$1500 for the use of the Committee. John Nicholas was added to the Committee.

Report of the Educational Committee

To the Yearly Meeting—

Dear Friends—While the Committee has not been able to do much during the past year, it has not been altogether idle. Through private subscription and the Miles White Association, several children have been sent to Westtown and other Friends' Boarding Schools, and some schools have been assisted in different neighborhoods. But the Committee feels that this is but a small part of what should be done in our Yearly Meeting. There are other children who should have educational advantages; and in the last year there has been a large accession of membership to the Meeting in Lower Virginia, and the children of these new members call for our attention and aid. There are only a few years ago which children can be spared from their homes for education, and it is of the utmost importance that they should not only receive proper educational advantages, but that these should be extended to them at the right age. We therefore propose to make a careful list of all the children of our members, to assist those who could be educated with a little extra help, and to send those children to school whose circumstances prevent them from going otherwise. In order that this may be thoroughly done, funds will be needed—about \$1500 this year. We would earnestly encourage all our Friends to give as voluntary subscriptions. Already several conditional subscriptions have been received, and we trust that our Friends seeing the importance of the work will be prompt in handing in their contributions.

On behalf of the Committee

Francis T. King

Henry W. Thomas

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- 21 The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report. The Committee was released and the following Friends appointed to present to a future sitting the names of a new Committee to have charge of Both Bible Schools and Home Missions, to report to this Meeting annually viz: John C. Thomas, Zachariah McHaul and Richard A. Ricks.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions

The Committee have received reports from all the Monthly Meetings and although some of them report that no organized mission work has been done from other places, very encouraging reports have been received. We find that at least one hundred of our members can be regarded as actively engaged in the work, a number we should be very glad to have increased in the next year.

It was particularly pleasing to us to learn that about twenty of the members of Friends Federal Hill Mission in Baltimore, are actively engaged in mission work themselves, visiting and carrying the Gospel message to those in their vicinity who need to hear it. From one Meeting the report was particularly cheering two new Meetings having been started as a result of the faithful efforts of a small band of workers. We hope that this example may stir up Friends in other small Meetings, to make a beginning however feeble, trusting in His power, whose work it is, and leaving the results to him.

For the Committee

John R. Garry.

- 22 The following report was read from the Baltimore Association and approved of, and they were encouraged to continue their work.

Report of The Baltimore Association of Friends.

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To the Yearly Meeting.

The result of the past year's work of the Association has been to raise about \$2000 for the purpose of enlarging New Garden Boarding School to double its present accommodations. Several members of the Committee visited North Carolina twice during the year for this object. They had interviews with the Trustees of the Boarding School, and were present at the Yearly Meeting when the question of education was considered. Friends entered very heartily into the work and, as the Yearly Meeting House is very near the boarding school, and is not in a very convenient locality for its present purpose, it was agreed to transfer it to the Trustees of the boarding school for school purposes. North Carolina Friends further agreed to build at their own cost a new Meeting House at High Point, which is situated on the main rail road of the State, in a district largely settled by Friends. The present Yearly Meeting House is a large excellent brick building recently built, and the Baltimore Association propose to adapt it by dividing the first floor (60 feet by 100 feet) into recitation and study