

of a new meeting-house a year ago. There have been a number of accessions to the membership, and the outlook for the future is encouraging, if the work is followed up.

Belleville. — Belleville has been twice visited — once at the Four Months' Meeting in the sixth month, when some appointed meetings were held. A number of family visits were paid to the members, and several parlor meetings held during this visit. In the ninth month, a member of our Committee spent ten days in Belleville, and had some service.

Cumminsville. — The Four Months' Meeting held at Cumminsville in the first month, was attended by three of our Committee from Deer Creek, who also held a meeting at Lick Run. This visit was felt to be encouraging and helpful. A second visit was paid in the fourth month.

We would recommend the continuance of a Pastoral Committee, believing that such a Committee to take into view the whole field of work in our Yearly Meeting is of great importance; also that the subordinate Meetings should be again advised to appoint co-operating Committees, in order that all our concerned members may be found united in prayer, united in work, striving together for the faith of the Gospel.

The money appropriated for the travelling expenses of this Committee has been all expended, and has fallen somewhat short of the actual requirements.

Baltimore, 8th month 11th 1884.

- 12 The following satisfactory report from the Educational Committee was read, and our members were strongly encouraged to be liberal in their contributions, and to make them as general as possible throughout the Yearly Meeting. The Committee was continued to report next year; and John Nicholson, Joseph P. Elliott, J. Brooks Jr., Habb Hinson, Mary Thomas, John Griffith, Thomas Mackenzie, Jr., were added to the Committee.

Report of the Educational Committee.

The work of the Committee has been more systematic than heretofore. We believe that the whole number of children in our Yearly Meeting should come under our notice and care, so that none may miss the advantages of a good practical education at the right age. This last is

very important, for often, through want of means, a child has been kept at home, during just those years, when knowledge is most easily acquired. Then again advice in the selection of schools is often advantageous, and parents should be encouraged to make some sacrifice for the education of their children.

In all parts of our Yearly Meeting where children have been sent to Heston and New Garden, the good results are manifest.

The association with children from different parts of our Society, is almost as beneficial as the superior mental training received. It can also be noticed how much less has been sustained by those whose early education has been neglected.

In order to carry out our plans, funds are needed, and there is hardly any expenditure of money that brings in a more certain return than that spent for education. Nor ought any to consider that they are exempted from helping because their contributions will be small, since the aggregate of many small subscriptions is very large and well worth having. Friends have always carefully inquired after the education of children, and shall we, in the general advance of education, allow ourselves to fall behind for want of money and interest. There are 73 children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 6 and 15. Very nearly all of these are now at school. Of the 61 between the ages of 16 and 20, only about two-thirds are at school. The others have gone to work.

Our Committee has assisted in sending 5 scholars to Heston and 2 to New Garden, and the Miles White Beneficial Society has sent 1 scholar to Heston and 2 to New Garden from this Yearly Meeting.

We need at least \$1200 for the coming year.

Miles White, Jr. Chairman

11th month 5th 1884.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock, second day morning

10th of the month and 2nd of the week

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

- 12 The Queries were read, with the Answers from the subordinate Meetings, and the following summary was adopted to represent the present state of the Meeting.