

extent, acting under its advice, and with the promise of some assistance should it be unable to do alone all that was necessary, has been giving proper attention to the needs of that Meeting.

This Committee afterwards furnished \$100. towards building a new school house at Corinth, and promised some assistance towards supporting a school at Black Creek, the Friends at both places having undertaken and shown a disposition to do all that they are able to do.

This Committee has not been able to do as much as might have been done advantageously, had the means been at its disposal, and regrets that the contributions have not been as general as desired. However the sum of \$878 was contributed, all of which has been used in assisting to send 8 scholars to Westtown and 3 to New Garden, and 3 to a school in the neighborhood, where they reside, and \$100, as mentioned above, towards Corinth school house. In addition to which, the Miles White Beneficial Society has sent 5 children to New Garden, and continued one school for two months beyond its usual term, at a total expense of \$380.

This Committee, understanding that the last Yearly Meeting had referred to it for thorough investigation the whole question of education within its limits, with the direction to report thereon to this Meeting, would state that it has carefully considered the subject, and that the prevailing opinion of its members is that it is the duty of the subordinate Meetings, as far as they are able, to supply educational facilities to their members; that the Yearly Meeting should retain a Committee on Education to promote its educational interests, and that at present it is advisable for the Committee to depend as heretofore on voluntary contributions; that in those neighborhoods where the existing schools could be improved or continued advantageously for a longer term than at present, it is desirable for Friends to improve or supplement them; that in those localities where the existing facilities are not suitable, and yet there are a sufficient number of children to make it advisable to do so, Friends should be encouraged to establish schools and secure competent teachers for them.

In conclusion we would suggest that the Yearly Meeting impress upon parents the necessity of having their children

educated, and encourage them to make every proper endeavor thereto; that the subordinate meetings be instructed to make proper exertions for the necessary educational facilities in their limits; that this Committee be discharged from further service, and that the Yearly Meeting appoint a Committee on Education, composed of five men and five women from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, and at least one man and one woman from each of the other Monthly Meetings to confer with the Committees of the several Monthly Meetings in the subject, and to receive whatever sums of money may be voluntarily contributed for the purpose, to be distributed in accordance with the wish of the donors, but if given unconditionally, to be expended so that the claims of existing schools shall be first considered.

Signed in behalf of the Committee

Miles White Jr. Chairman
Baltimore 11th Month 6th 1855

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second day morning.

2nd of the week and 9th of the month
Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

15 The Queries were all read, and the Answers from the subordinate Meetings, and the following summary was agreed upon to represent the present condition of our Membership:

Summary of Answers to Queries

Ans 1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been duly held, except some mid-week meetings in one Monthly Meeting. Those on First-day morning have been attended by our members generally. Those in the evening, and in the middle of the week, have been neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior has been avoided.

Ans 2. We believe Friends have been preserved in Christian love one towards another, with a few exceptions noted in one Meeting. Tale bearing and detraction have been discouraged. No differences have been known amongst us.