

who were accordingly appointed, and our members were encouraged to be liberal in their contributions, to enable the Committee to continue the work.

- 20 The subject of the establishment of a Special Fund, the interest of which shall be used, under the direction of the Yearly Meeting, for the education of the children of our members was considered, and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was directed to take charge of any sums that may be given for this purpose and deposit them in a Savings Bank, until a sum sufficient for investment is accumulated.

This should not interfere with voluntary contributions to the Educational Committee, which will continue to be necessary until the Fund shall be sufficient for the purpose.

- 21 James Carey, Jr. Thomas Mackenzie, Francis White, John Griffith and Isaac Brooks Jr. were appointed to examine the question of the advisability of procuring legal power to hold money for special purposes, either by the incorporation of the Yearly Meeting or otherwise, and are directed to report to the Representative Meeting.

- 22 The following report from the Home Mission and Bible School Committee was read to our satisfaction, and the Committee was continued to report to our meeting next year.

Report of Home Mission and Bible School Committee

In the reports of the Home Mission work done during the past year, the most encouraging feature is the increase in the number of those who do not allow their isolated position to prevent them from undertaking Mission work. Situated, as so many of our Friends are, it is a great temptation to think that there is nothing they can do, because they cannot have the assistance of other members of their Meeting.

The experience of some of our members who have persevered in work which seemed to promise but little result, has shown that organization and numbers of workers,

however helpful, are not absolutely necessary.

Our Friend who began, in a quiet way, a meeting in his parlor, has found the hearts of his neighbors open to receive the gospel, and invitations to meet at their homes have been presented. He is very sure that there are other places where a similar work, undertaken in faith and dependence upon the Lord, will prove a great blessing, both to the workers and those whom they strive to reach with the message of the gospel.

In Baltimore, the success of the seventh day evening Savings Bank, on Federal Hill, has been very interesting. Receiving, as it does, sums of money as small as five cents, it is having a marked effect on the habits of children, as well as grown people, encouraging them to save money which they would otherwise spend foolishly. About \$3,000 have been entrusted to the Committee thus far, and deposited by them in a chartered Savings Bank.

In considering the work for the coming year, it may be well for us to remember that we have a test to measure our friendship for our Master - the test of our obedience to His commands, and when we find that His command to the church is to preach the gospel to every creature, we ought to feel some doubt that we have fully earned the right to the name of "Friends," as long as there is a person near us who does not have the news of salvation through Jesus Christ presented to him in some way, as the Lord may direct us to carry it. A live Church must be a working church; and while we cannot all be missionaries to foreign countries, we can all be Home Missionaries, and we trust that the coming year will be one of increased activity in this direction, and of greater blessing.

The following statistics of the First Day Schools do not vary much from those of last year.

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Secretary