

The Report of the Executive Committee
 on the progress of the work and the
 report of the Superintendent of
 Education of the Department present his
 Annual Report which was a most
 gratifying exhibit of the good progress
 made in that branch of our Association.
 His report was expressed as the basis of
 the valuable services of the Superintendent, who
 has been called to another field of action
 and the hope was indulged in, that his
 career would be one of as much usefulness
 in the future as it had been in the past.

"Baltimore Association," concerning Friends' Schools in North Carolina;

On the first survey of the field there were found to be nearly twenty schools already in operation, which were scattered pretty generally over the limits of the Yearly Meeting. Said Schools were started by Monthly Meetings or by families of Friends, under promise of aid from the Baltimore Association. Most of them were in very inferior houses, with little or no furniture *at all suitable* for a School house. In some instances we accepted the responsibility of paying the Teachers, and in others we left that in the hands, either of the Monthly Meetings or the individuals who employed them, with the understanding that such as were not able to pay their Schooling, were to receive aid from us. In the course of the Winter and Spring we employed ten more Teachers. We had thus a little over thirty Schools. We paid the Salaries of the Teachers in seventeen of these and gave more or less aid to nearly all the others.

The scarcity of Books and the unsuitableness of many already in use, made it needful to furnish a supply to the Schools generally. This has required a pretty heavy outlay on the part of the Association.

The present school year may be regarded as beginning with the 1st Month. As the Schools have either just opened, or are about opening, no very definite and systematic report can be made out as yet. In order that the fund might satisfactorily accomplish the result desired, it was indispensable that a number of new school houses should be built, others enlarged, many of the old ones repaired and nearly all of them furnished with seats and desks. Friends of North Carolina are doing the principal part of this work themselves, and their efforts for the education of their Children are encouraging, but on account of the scarcity of money and the shortness of the year this year, it has been thought proper to render them considerable aid towards houses. Some delays in building and repairing have made it impracticable for the Schools to begin simultaneously. Several instances Schools have commenced in Meeting Houses, and the understanding that school houses would soon be erected.

New Garden Quarterly Meeting has the Yearly Meeting Boarding School within its limits, but no School under our care.

Southern Quarter.—**Marlboro Monthly Meeting**, three Schools,
Baek Creek Monthly Meeting, one School, (perhaps two.) Holly
Spring Monthly Meeting, two Schools, (perhaps three.)

Contentawa Quarter—Neuse Monthly Meeting, one School. Nahunta Monthly Meeting, one School.

For those Schools, in addition to those Teachers who reside in North Carolina, we have two from New England, one from New York, and one from Indiana.

The Teachers are all members of our Religious Society, except two or three, and these attend our Meetings and profess with us.

The greater part of my time is taken up in visiting the Schools, with the desire to help and encourage Teachers, Parents and Scholars, by discussing with them various matters pertaining to education in its widest sense, by conducting some of the recitations during my visits to the Schools, by occasional evening lectures for a whole neighborhood, &c., as way opens.

The State Fund for the support of Public Schools was all sunk during the war, and educational interests throughout the State are generally in a low condition. In view of this, we have reason to hope that our labors will not only prove a blessing to our own members but will have a tendency to keep alive in the surrounding community more interest in so important a subject than would otherwise exist.

The Board will be interested in knowing that there is a growing interest in First Day Schools and Bible Classes, and that out of the large number of Bibles and Testaments sent down here, a sufficient number have been distributed to supply these Schools and the families so far as appears, and a number have been given to those not Friends. The greater part of these Bibles are still on hand. Steps are about being taken to organize Bible Societies, by which Friends here will aid in the general distribution wherever most needed throughout the community.

I rejoice to say to the Association that the prospect for a blessing
 a your labors here is encouraging, and that it is a work in which
 feel it to be a privilege to have a part.

JOSEPH MOORE, *Superintendent,*
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