

Subscriptions excepted.

In the year 1792 the quarterly meeting established a monthly meeting in Baltimore and it soon after became the concern of that meeting to endeavour for a school under its direction and united in a house being built suitable for that purpose, on the East Corner of the meeting house lot.

It was

accordingly commenced but an unwillingness appearing in friends residing in the West part of the town to contribute towards it, alledging that one before long would be required amongst them - the subscription to defray the expence was very partially entered into and the burthen thereof fell principally on four friends who were active as a building Committee - and when the house was nearly completed it was given up to the Yearly Meeting to assist in making more convenient room during the sittings thereof they agreeing to make such improvements therein as might be required for that purpose.

Not many years had elapsed after the foregoing circumstance

had taken place and when friends had become more numerous in the west part of the city and likely to continue to increase it was apprehended that a meeting established amongst them might be of advantage. A valuable lot of ground was purchased at the expence of the yearly Meeting for that purpose and to accommodate said meeting when required.

The next consideration was to improve the lot thus purchased with an extensive and convenient house, to effect which, subscriptions were opened, but not generally gone into until assurances were given, that the building contemplated, should not interfere with the meeting and property belonging to Friends on the East side of Jones' Falls as will appear by the report of the building committee to the monthly meeting in the 3rd month 1799. Friends appearing now satisfied in this respect, generally subscribed liberally to the amount of \$11000 or upwards a probable sum to complete the house, but at the close of the undertaking the result was that the monthly meeting was informed that there was a deficiency of \$2157.

Further attempts were then made to raise