

thereon, are to impart their sense to the men's meeting for their judgment and determination.

VIII. — The women's preparative meetings, where more than one constitute a monthly meeting, are to consider & answer the queries in like manner as directed for the men's meeting, which is likewise to be done in their monthly meetings, from which they are to report the state of each monthly meeting to their respective quarterly meetings; to attend which, as their representatives, they should nominate two or more of their members.

Women's quarterly meetings.

I. When a woman minister, under a religious concern to travel in truth's service, produces to the quarterly meeting a certificate of the approbation of the monthly meeting of which she is a member, if the concern is concurred with in the women's meeting, it should be submitted to the men's meeting, and when approved, an endorsement to that effect should be made on the certificate, signed by the clerk, and returned to the women's meeting for signing by their clerk.

II. — They are to receive the written accounts sent from the respective women's monthly meetings, and transmit the collected answers to the queries, with such other matters as appear needful, to the women's yearly meeting; to attend the service whereof, each quarterly meeting is to appoint a suitable number of representatives.

III. — They are to communicate to their respective monthly meetings, such advices as they apprehend necessary, with any epistles, or writings issued for that purpose by their yearly meeting; nominate committees at the request of the men's meeting to visit their monthly meetings, or for any other service which the men's meeting shall judge expedient; and in all respects, they are to attend to those matters which may properly come under the notice and care of women's quarterly meetings.

The Yearly meeting of Women Friends.

Held annually in Baltimore, at the time of holding men's yearly meeting, is at liberty to correspond with any other yearly meeting of their own sex, either in America or elsewhere, and to issue such counsel and admonition to their own quarterly and monthly meetings, as in the wisdom of truth, shall appear conducive to real benefit and mutual edification. But the said Yearly meeting is not to hear, or determine, on any appeal, not to make or alter any rules of discipline or queries.

They are to have a stack of their own, for such services as may fall more properly under their notice.

And finally, it is desired that a fair record be kept of the minutes and proceedings of the yearly, quarterly, and monthly meetings of women friends; and that annually, their representatives to the yearly meeting exercise a religious care in the choice of a clerk.

Yearly meeting.

From ancient records it appears, that the first yearly meeting in Maryland was held on West River, in the year 1672, C.E.

That for many years the meeting was held alternately at and at Fredricksburg, on the eastern shore, West River, on the western shore of Maryland. That agreeably to an arrangement, which took place in the year 1790, the yearly meeting was removed to be held in Baltimore only, and to be composed of representatives from the quarterly meetings on the western shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia; to which has since been added the state of Ohio.

The yearly meeting is held on the second first day in the tenth month. A public meeting for worship at the tenth hour in the morning, and another at the third hour in the afternoon. The meeting for discipline is opened at the tenth hour on second day.