

engaged on these interesting occasions we may keep in mind, that solemnity and honest-sincerity are essentials in the acceptable performance of this duty to our great & omnipotent creator.

The first and great commandment is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God - with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." - It was clearly seen that as this love obtains the supremacy in our hearts we shall feel it our indispensable duty, frequently to retire in solemn silent waiting before him who is the author of our existence, and to whom we are indebted for every blessing, and that as we attentively live in obedience to the intimations of the divine voice, an increase of strength will be afforded to come up honestly in the discharge of this all important obligation; those who remain faithful would often when assembled feel a lively concern for their absent brethren and thus be qualified affectionately to invite them to more circumspection and diligence in the performance of this religious duty.

An interesting inquiry was made into the cause of those deficiencies so generally apparent. It was traced to the placing our strongest affections on transitory objects - which are always deceptive, and permitting them to have the ascendancy until they become habitual. Hence they are hard to part with, but were the sacrifice-made the veil would be rent, and we should be favoured to see what it was, that had concealed from us a correct view of our vital and most important interests.

In the exercise of the discipline and the discharge of individual religious duties towards our brethren, the necessity of keeping a single eye to the divine injunction "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone" - was seen to be of primary importance in promoting the welfare of the church. And it was believed that as society comes to hold a more dignified station, there will be evidences of an increased attention in its members to this Gospel order.

Certificates and minutes for several brethren and sisters attending from the limits of other Yearly Meetings in this continent were read and James Moore and William Kemmerly appointed to unite with a committee of women friends in order to prepare a suitable essay of endorsement to be inserted thereon and to be produced to a future sitting.

In the report from Baltimore Quarter was contained a proposition to establish a new Quarterly Meeting to be composed of Nottingham, Little Britain and Deer Creek monthly meetings, the two first being branches of the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia, an union of sentiment with this proposition

was contained in a minute received from that Yearly Meeting accompanied by part of a committee appointed to attend this meeting therewith, in which it was proposed to hold the new Quarter at West Nottingham the next sixth day after the third second ^{day} in the second, fifth, and seventh months and at Deer Creek the same time in the eighth month the Meeting of Ministers and Elders the days preceding; each meeting to begin at the eleventh hour to become a branch of this Yearly Meeting, to be called Nottingham Quarter & to be held at East Nottingham until a suitable house be provided at West Nottingham which was fully united with, and the first meeting agreed to be held in the fifth month next, to attend the opening, and report to this meeting next year, the following friends were appointed viz. Samuel Thomas, Gerard B. Hopkins, Jesse Wickersham, Robert Halton, Thomas Shreve and John Jannay.

The Clerk was directed to furnish Baltimore Quarter with a copy of this minute. Edward Habler on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider of reprinting the London printed generalistle, reported, that after a time of deliberation on the subject, they could not unite in judgment, that usefulness would be likely to result from the reprinting it at this time, with which the meeting concurred.

The committee appointed to revise and record the minutes of this meeting, reported, the service was performed, they were continued.

Adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

14th of the Month and 4th of the week.

The meeting again assembled.

The committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meeting held in the Eastern District of this City produced the following report. viz.

"To the Yearly Meeting

"We of the committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meeting held in the Eastern District of Baltimore in order to ascertain whether that meeting had complied with the decision of the Yearly meeting, report, that part of our members attended that Monthly meeting in the eleventh month last when they were informed that nothing had been done. The subject was at that time again entered on their minutes and by an official copy of a minute of that meeting dated 12th Mo 18th 1817. furnished us by a committee appointed in the 9th month last we were informed the meeting could not unite in carrying the views of the Yearly meeting into effect. Baltimore, 10th Mo 13th 1818. Signed, Joseph Guest, Solomon Sheppards, John Love, Benben Scherley, John Williams, John Jannay."

which was read, deliberately considered, and after a time of close and