

and become indisposed to receive their friendly admonitions, even when offered under the most affectionate concern— we shall also of necessity become less useful members of society; and though we may flourish in temporal things, yet we shall not find them to be blessings.

It is abundantly evident to those who have come to the knowledge of the truth, that the sacrifices of God, are a broken heart and a contrite spirit— that he does not take pleasure in depriving us of any substantial good, but that he richly rewards all those that have faith in his power, and who put their trust in him— Friends are exhorted therefore, to offer freely whatever he calls for— to give up themselves entirely to his disposal, being assured, that from those who are thus fully dedicated, he will withhold no good thing.

The case of those who have been inattentive to the important^{duty} of the religious education of their children, is deeply to be deplored. As parents are answerable for the evils arising from the neglected education of those placed under their charge, how awful is their responsibility! They are therefore earnestly called upon to govern their offspring, while their minds are yet tender and susceptible, before they arrive at an age to resist their authority— to interpose their influence in restraining their communication with a licentious world, and their perusal of the pernicious publications with which it abounds: the reading of these has a direct tendency to destroy the purity of the heart, to leaden the mind into the corrupt dispositions of those who write them, and to disqualify it altogether from partaking at the Lord's table, or relishing the sustenance which comes from him.

Friends are also impressively called upon to be temperate in the use of food and drink— to fly from the seducing use of intoxicating

liquors, and to avoid all superfluity in their apparel, furniture and manner of living.

As these various considerations are deemed by us to be of vital consequence— we earnestly entreat you, as brethren dearly beloved and cared for, to lay them practically to heart, that you may be made partakers of that peace which is the unchangeable work of righteousness, and of that joy which is the fruit of holiness of spirit.

We are, in the love of the gospel, affectionately your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, held in Baltimore, for the Western Shore of Maryland, &c.

The committee on the pasture lot produced the following report, which was concurred with and they were left at liberty to call upon the Treasurer for the amount stated to be necessary for the ensuing year, to wit:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

We of the committee who have the care of the pasture lot, report that in consequence of the money appropriated last year, not coming in time to improve the Land as was contemplated (except some fencing) the last year's appropriation of 150 \$ is on hand we are united in judgment that an additional appropriation of 100 \$ will be necessary to meet the expense of the contemplated improvements; which we submit to the meeting.

John Marsh

Robert Sinclair

Thomas Matthews

David Patten

Benjamin Ellicott