

continued, and authorised to draw upon the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the sum therein specified.

The committee appointed to consider the subject brought up in the report from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, offered the following, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

"The committee to whom was referred the subject brought up from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, in relation to a hindling Ministry report, that having several times met and deliberately considered the subject, they have united in the judgment, that the terms "Priest or Hindling Minister" as used in the book of Discipline, apply to, and include all persons who under clerical authority - derived from any Ecclesiastical Source whatever, undertake, by virtue of such an assumed power, to join people in marriage. - This Society from the beginning, has deemed such authority a usurpation unsanctioned by the scriptures, and opposed to our plain testimony in support of a free Gospel Ministry, as commanded by the great head of the Christian Church, and enforced by the example and practice of His apostles in the primitive age.

Signed - Caleb Stabler.

Nathan Priest.

Joseph Branson,

John Jewell,

Samuel Downing.

which was approved by the Yearly Meeting, and the clerks were directed to have a sufficient number of copies printed

with the extracts, in order that they may be inserted in the printed copies of the Discipline.

Upon entering into the consideration of the present state of our Religious Society, we have, again, been introduced into much exercise on account of the evidences, still apparent, of deficiencies amongst us, which, we believe owe their existence to a want of faithfulness on our part, in yielding strict obedience to the manifestations of Divine Truth in our minds, by which we would be enabled to distinguish between the voice of the true Sheppard and that of the Stranger.

Much solicitude has been felt and expressed amongst us, that our friends, every where, may become willing to sacrifice whatever may stand in the way of simple and perfect obedience to, and reliance upon, that Divine Power which has been found sufficient, in every age of the world, to build up and establish all who are willing to submit to its teachings, upon a foundation that cannot be shaken. Thus, we should be enabled, as expressed in the language of the inspired Penman, to come forth, as the Church from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

This obedience is the groundwork of all our righteous testimonies. - Under its blessed influence, parents and guardians would not only endeavor rightly to direct their own steps, but they would also offer every encouragement, both of precept and example, to the susceptible and affectionate minds of the