

The clerks were directed to have two thousand copies of the Extracts from the minutes of this meeting, printed & forwarded to our Quarterly Meetings in the usual proportions.

On the opening of our meeting, in which we felt a precious solemnity extending over all, a sense of deep responsibility rested upon us, that, as we profess to assemble in the presence of the Most High, and to have his spirit for our guide, we should act only by his instructions; thus would our business proceed in harmony, and all be enabled to come forward in the dignity of the truth, to fulfil their respective duties. On a consideration of the state of Society, as presented to us in the answers to the Queries, an interesting exercise prevailed concerning the attendance of our meetings, and the happy experience of some now advanced in years was adduced as an exhortation to the young, to make this reasonable sacrifice. They were tenderly encouraged to its right-performance, with a well grounded assurance that not only would their spiritual strength be increased, the enemies of their peace proportionably overcome, and their intercourse enlarged with the Father of Spirits: but their temporal interests would not suffer, for that reliance upon God which leads the mind to seek His aid, is the best preparation for the righteous accomplishment of temporal objects.

A fear was entertained that some among us were falling away by a neglect of this duty, deeming their want of life which is the result of their lukewarmness, an evidence of inability in religious meetings. These become stumbling blocks to the young, a source of grief to their friends, and a cause of reproach to Society.

It was believed that the vital prevalence of Divine Love is intimately connected with the love of our brethren. Under its blessed influences, therefore, we should be drawn to avail ourselves of every opportunity to commingle with them in our religious meetings, and thus by uniting with them in the most precious and exalted service of which we are capable, the bonds of Christian fellowship would be strengthened between us, and harmony and peace be our rich reward.

With feelings of reverent thankfulness for the evidences of Divine favor afforded during the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting it concluded, to meet again at the usual time next year if so permitted.

Thomas P. Stabler, Clerk.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore, for the western shore of Maryland and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, by adjournments from the 28th of the 10th mo. to the 31st of the same inclusive 1850:

By written reports now received from each of our Quarterly Meetings, it appeared that the following friends had been appointed representatives to this meeting, To wit:—

From Baltimore Quarterly Meeting: William Henry Stabler, Edward Thomas, Richard T. Bentley, Thomas Tyson, Samuel Townsend, Richard Sumner, Thomas Russell, James Baynes, Israel Price, Aquilla Matthews, Joel Price, John Matthews, Benj. P. Moore, Thomas Kemp, Daniel Pope, & Isaac H. Brown.

From Washington Quarterly Meeting: Benjamin Gantson, Isaac Gantson, Galat Ogden, Thomas Sheppard, Joel Gantson, William Ellis, & Jonathan Jessop.*