Although there may be in some of our meetings but little instrumental ministry, we have the comforting assurance that they who meet together in solemn reverential silence are favored, at times to experience the holy oil to flow from vessel to vessel, and the glory of the Lord to fill the sanctuary of the heart.

We have remembered the interesting example of our forefathers in assembling together for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God and have felt that our meetings could only be sustained in their original purity by a continual dwelling under the qualifying power of the Divine Spirit, manifested unto every mind, leading us often to wait upon him for a renewal of our spiritual strength.

We were further earnestly advised to observe the first commandment "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This love of the Father abounding in our hearts, always promotes peace on earth and good-will to men, thus leading us to the observance of the second commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"; for upon these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. As we abide in this love, the spirit of tale-bearing and detraction will be effectually eradicated, and it will lead to a punctual performance of all our religious duties.

We are encouraged to believe that as the Divine Master called the fishermen of Galilee to leave their nets and follow him promising that he would make them become fishers of men, so in the present day there are many precious visited minds, who are called with a high and holy calling, and if faithful to their convictions of duty, will be made instrumental in promoting the Redeemer's kingdom. A ministry deriving its call and qualifications from the anointing of the Holy Spirit, has ever been found a great blessing to the church, but a ministry devoid of these qualifications, and relying upon man for its authority and its reward, has proved in every age one of the strongest bulwarks of error and oppression. May we therefore bearing our righteous testimony against such a ministry remember that we war not against flesh and blood, but against the spirit of antichrist; and we earnestly desire that all

who engage in this warfare may put on "the whole armor of light," having their feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

We have felt at this time a renewed concern that our ancient testimony against slavery may be faithfully maintained by all our members.

It was through the immediate operation of divine truth upon their minds, that our worthy predecessors were enabled to see the practice of slaveholding in its true light, as a violation of Christian principle, no less injurious to the slaveholder than to the slave. In the exemption of our religious body from this great evil, we have cause for gratitude to the Author of all good; and from him alone can we derive wisdom and ability to advance the cause of humanity and justice.

A concern has been feelingly expressed by some of our members that we may consider the propriety of partaking as little as possible of articles produced by the unrequited labor of slaves; and all who feel scruples on this point have been encouraged to attend to their apprehensions of duty, remembering the apostolic injunction that we judge not one another but, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind".

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to examine and settle the Treasurer's Account, produced the following report, which was approved, and Edward H. Haller accordingly appointed Treasurer, to whom our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward their respective quotas of the sum proposed to be raised, viz:

The Committee to examine and adjust the Treasurer's account report, that they find the vouchers for his payments correct and satisfactory, and there remains a balance in his hands of $203 95.

In view of the necessary expenses which will arise during the coming year, they recommend that the sum of $400.— be raised for the use of the meeting, and that Edward H. Haller be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee
Robert R. Moore
Richard H. Townsend

Baltimore 25th of 10th Month 1858.