

The Committee appointed on the subject at a former sitting produced the following report, which was acted upon and Edward H. Staller accordingly appointed Treasurer to this Meeting, viz:

The Committee appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's account report that they find his payments supported by correct and satisfactory vouchers.

The quotas from the several Quarterly Meetings have all been paid in; and also the sum of \$113.28 Cents received from the Committee on the Pasture Lot, as directed by the Yearly Meeting last year.

They find in his hands a balance of \$675.72 Cents and are of the judgement that no sum of money need be raised by the Meeting for the coming year.

They propose the name of Edward H. Staller as Treasurer to the Meeting.

On Behalf of the Committee

Richard H. Townsend

Baltimore 3<sup>d</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1839

The Clerks were directed to have 2000 copies of the Extracts from the Minutes of the proceedings of this Meeting printed for distribution among our members, and Edward H. Staller was requested, as early as practicable, to have forwarded by mail to some suitable friend, near where such of our Monthly Meetings are held, the portion of the extracts that belong to that Meeting.

The Clerks produced a minute embodying some of the exercises of the Meeting during the consideration of the state of Society, which was read and was satisfactory, as follows viz:

On entering upon the consideration of the state of Society we were reminded of the necessity of our knowing a proper qualification, rightly and awaitingly to admonish those wants and weaknesses which continue to exist amongst us, and we have been made deeply sensible that it is only as we endeavor to draw near the source of all true wisdom and then seek for ability, that we can become qualified to labor successfully in promoting the cause of Truth

and Righteousness. As we thus become humbly directed of all disposition to act in our own wills, and sincerely desirous to abide under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we shall witness preservation from the unhappy consequences resulting from putting forth the hand to the work unbidden, even though it be ostensibly to steady the Ark of the Covenant.

The duty of attending all our meetings, both for worship and discipline, was renewedly felt to be a concern of deep and lasting importance to the welfare and prosperity of Society, and the advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth. It is thus that we afford an evidence to the world of our love to God, which is enjoined upon us as paramount to all other considerations, and in proportion as this love abides in our hearts, will this public manifestation of its benign effect be visible. An earnest solicitude was expressed that we might more and more experience this love of the Father, to root out the love of the world, and of the things of the world, making all things subservient to this Holy and Divine Power. It was clearly shown, that the true love of God, could not exist in that mind in which the love of the world is its chiefest joy. Friends were therefore earnestly and affectionately encouraged, to be faithful, in attending all our religious meetings, not in a formal manner or from habit, but from a living desire to be benefited by the influences of the Spirit of Truth upon our hearts, begotting in us Faith in the promises of our Heavenly Father, that "He will teach his people Himself." Not only would our testimony against a hiring ministry be faithfully borne by our thus assembling ourselves together under the teachings of the Minister of Ministers, holding all our meetings in the authority of Truth, and feeling after the Spring of Divine life in the Soul, but we would then hold out the most effectual encouragement to others, to come and sit with us, that they too, through obedience to the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, may become partakers of the Blessings which He has promised to all those who seek Him.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Now, this acceptable worship in which we are called to engage, consists in binding every desire of the heart, every feeling of the soul, into strict obedience to His Holy will, in laying every crown at His feet, and looking to Him for every consolation and help, and feeling Him to be, truly the chiefest among ten thousand, to our humbled and contrite souls. This deep and abiding desire to be pleasing in His holy sight, will urge us to do every thing,