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The Clubs were directed to have 2000 copies of the Extracts from the proceedings of this meeting printed for distribution amongst our members and the Treasurer was requested to have forwarded by mail as early as practicable, to some suitable friend near where each of our Monthly Meetings is held the portion of the Extracts that belongs to that meeting.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare Essays of Epistles, as way may open therefor, to the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, now produced one, embodying part of the minute of the exercise of this meeting and forward to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia New York, Genesee Ohio and Indiana respectively.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to nominate a committee to have charge of the Fair Hill Boarding School and Property have agreed to propose the following named friends for that service to wit:

Bey^r Hallowell
Rich^d J. Bentley
Joshua Russell
Caleb Staller
Benjamin P. Moore
Bey^r Rush Roberts
Samuel M. Jannay

Mary L. Roberts
Jane S. Townsend
Edith D. Bentley
Margaret E. Hallowell
Martha E. Tyson
Ann M. Staller
Mary I. Moore

Signed by direction and on behalf of the committee by

David I. McCoy
Mary L. Roberts

Baltimore 11th Mo. 1st 1860

Which was satisfactory to the meeting, and the Friends named were accordingly appointed to that trust.

The committee that stands appointed to record the minutes of this meeting report the service performed.

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The following Minute of the Exercises of this Meeting was produced and read, and was satisfactory, viz:

During the consideration of the state of Society, the minds of many Friends were deeply exercised with the evidences which the Reports from our subordinate meetings have afforded of still existing deficiencies amongst us, and especially in the neglect of attending our religious meetings, and our members were affectionately and earnestly encouraged to increased faithfulness to this important duty. A deep concern was felt, that we may not only assemble our bodies on these occasions, but that we may humbly and thoughtfully labor to have our minds centred to the true fountain of Light and Life in the soul, and thus experience the love of God, and one of another to prevail over all. Then shall we be gathered in the name of Christ, and though but two or three may be present, they will be graciously favored to witness Him to be in the midst of them, refreshing them with His life-giving presence, and bestowing upon them increased qualification for the performance of all the duties of life, social and religious.

The presence of this holy and illuminating principle in the soul, will so humble and purify it, that the spirit of tale-bearing and detraction can no longer exist, but rather a desire to throw the mantle of charity over the failings of a brother, and under a deep sense of our own weakness and short comings, of which this light will make us sensible, breathe a prayer to the Father of Mercies that He may purify, strengthen, and restore. Thus would we be qualified to extend a helping hand to a wandering brother, and be a support, one to another, in righteousness.

It is only as we partake of the baptism of Christ in His inward and spiritual appearance, that we can awarily labor in His church, and bring forth those fruits of love, peace, and joy, by which our Heavenly Father is glorified; and we were encouraged to ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, for an increase of that wisdom which is from above, and of that faith which works by love, to the purifying of the heart.