

Thirty-first of the Month and fifth of the week.

Upon the gathering of the meeting the Committee the Treasurer's Account produced the following report, which was united with and Richard H. Townsend accordingly appointed Treasurer to this Meeting to whom our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward their quotas of the sum proposed to be raised and the late Treasurer was requested to pay over to him the balance now in his hands viz:

The Committee appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's Account report that they find the vouchers for his payments correct and satisfactory and a balance in his hands of \$127.79. (which includes the sum of \$72.45 received from the the Committee on the Pasture Lot, as directed by the Meeting last year.)

They are of the judgement that the sum of one hundred dollars will be required for the use of the meetings during the coming year and they propose the name of Richard H. Townsend for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee

Jonathan Seaver
John Wray

Baltimore 10th Mo. 30th B61

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to endeavor to embody some of the exercises of this Meeting produced the following Minute, which was read and united with, viz:

During the consideration of the state of our Religious Society, as reported from the Quarterly Meetings this Meeting has been solemnly impressed with the great responsibility that rests upon us as professors of the Christian name that we should manifest in our life and conversation the fruits of a Christian Spirit devoting our hearts without reserve, to the service of God.

In view of the present unhappy condition of our country we have been reminded of the circumstances by which George Fox and his companions spiritual labors were surrounded when in a time of civil war, they were

faith as ambassadors for Christ to proclaim and exemplify his peaceable Kingdom. The false rest of the people had been broken - their confidence in their spiritual guides had been shaken - and finding in ceremonial observances no spiritual sustenance, they were induced to seek in the inner sanctuary of the heart for that communion with the Father of spirits, which alone can satisfy the longings of the immortal soul.

And so we trust, when the tempest and the earthquake, and the fire shall have passed by, that the still small voice - the word of the Lord will be heard, and that many will be found who have not bowed the knee to Baal, nor kissed his image.

Even if suffering should be the portion of those who are called to labor in the cause of righteousness, to uphold by example the testimonies of Truth, let us remember for our encouragement the language of our Lord "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven."

As we come under the blessed influence of divine life and love we shall be enabled to fulfil that injunction of Christ, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another." Now will our love be restricted to the narrow bounds of our own Religious Society, but springing from the fountain of life opened in the soul, it will flow forth to the whole family of man, prompting us to deeds of charity and sacrifices for the good of others.

We have at this time felt the necessity of digging deep in order to secure a foundation on the rock of everlasting Truth, and may we ever bear in mind that he only who heareth the sayings of Christ and doeth them, hath built his house on the rock, against which the winds and waves of human passion will beat in vain.

Our forefathers when they taught as their fundamental principle, the light of divine truth which alone can quicken