

Edwin G. Ware on behalf of the Committee that stands appointed to record our Minutes reported that the service had been performed.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, and the proceedings of that Meeting approved and sanctioned, and the Clerk was directed to insert the following Minutes therefrom in our Extracts - viz:

It having been feelingly represented to this Meeting, that a number more of our members would be glad to attend the Yearly Meeting, if they had suitable ^{situations} at which they could be accommodated, where they would have the benefit of social intercourse with Friends, it was decided that a Committee of Friends be appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable homes for those who may need them on that interesting occasion.

The names of such persons who may desire homes to be provided for them, while attending the Yearly Meeting, should be forwarded, by the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, of which they are members, about the 1st of 10th Month to Richard H. Townsend Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings Baltimore Md.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thirtieth of the month, and Fifth of the week.

The Committee appointed upon the subject at a former sitting, produced the following Minutes of the Exercises of this Meeting, to be inserted in our Extracts for the benefit of our absent members, which was approved viz:

The reading of the Epistles from the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has brought us into near unity with our distant brethren, and has afforded to our minds, confirming evidence of the unity of the Christian Church; for all who are taught of the Lord, are the Christian Church, actuated by one

even that which ascribes, Glory to God in the ^{highest} and breathes peace on earth, and good will to men. The sorrowful condition of our beloved country, so feelingly alluded to in those Epistles, has tended much to solemnize the meeting, and to humble us under the consideration of our many delinquencies as a nation and as individuals. Lively testimonies have been borne in this meeting, not only against the horrors of war, but to the all-sufficiency of that grace which emanates from the Father of Spirits, and which will save to the uttermost all who place their trust in Him.

It was clearly shown, that however ardently we may feel attached to our excellent Government, its preservation or that of any civil institution, is of small importance when compared with the sublime principles of the Gospel, of Christ, and the salvation of immortal souls. The disciples of the Prince of Peace, can only promote the advancement of his kingdom by obedience to his Spirit, and keeping his commandments. "Without me" he says "ye can do nothing." If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his daily cross, and follow me. These are still the unchangeable terms of discipleship, for we cannot serve two masters; - we are either conformed to this world, or transformed by the renewings of our minds.

They who have experienced the mercy and forgiveness of God, will be enabled by his grace, to forgive others; and continuing under this holy influence, they will be endued with patience and confidence in Him, who, "ruleth in the Kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." He sees from the beginning to the end of time, for one day with the Lord, is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Information has been received at this Meeting, that many of our members who reside in Virginia have during the past year, been subjected to great trials by reason of the civil war, which is now desolating that portion of the ~~country~~ our country. Some of them have been arrested by the Military authorities of the Southern States, and held as prisoners for a time.