

1865. who through obedience to the Divine Monitor, became the pioneers in the great work of emancipation.

The frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, was a duty urged upon parents and heads of families, and are ever earnestly and affectionately exhorted, to encourage our children, by example as well as precept, to make themselves acquainted with these valuable writings, believing they would be instrumental in the Divine hand in pointing out the way of life and salvation, when read with a prayerful spirit and our earnest desire to be profited thereby, they would prove to us, and our children, as they have done to our worthy predecessors, a Chart of the Sea of Life, by which our frail vessels might safely sail to the Port of rest and peace, if we are careful to keep our eye single to the compass of Divine Light in the soul, which always points to the Polar-Star of Truth.

The attendance of our members has been large, and among them there are many from that section of our country, which has so lately been the scene of sanguinary conflicts. Since our last Yearly Meeting, they have been subjected to heavy losses of property, and much anxiety of mind, by the ravages of War. Notwithstanding the perilous situation in which they have sometimes been placed, their religious meetings have been very generally kept up, and chorusing has been, through Divine mercy, preserved from the hand of violence, and their necessities supplied. The sympathy and aid rendered to them, by members of this and other Yearly Meetings, are gratefully appreciated, and have tended to strengthen the tie of brotherly love, by which all the branches of our religious body are united.

The Clerks were directed to have the Epistles and their own from other Yearly Meetings, appended to our Extracts.

The Committee appointed to prepare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings, each which are correspond, now presented and embodying the minutes of the exercises of this Meeting, which was approved, and the Clerk was directed to have transcribed, to sign it on behalf of this Meeting, and forward a copy thus signed, to each of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, Boston, &c. in due season and respectfully.

The Meeting having been favored, through the liberal settings of this Meeting, with the solemnizing influence of the presence of the Great Head of the Church, under which we have been

1865 enabled to transact all the business, that has claimed our attention, which has been of unusual interest and importance, as well as of a most, with a great degree of brotherly love and consciousness, for which our hearts are tendered in gratitude to the Lord of all Good, the Meeting adjourned to meet again at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Benjamin Hollenbeck, Clerk.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore for the Western Shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, held by adjournments, from the 29th of 10th Month to the 1st of the 11th Month 1866.

By written reports from our several Quarterly Meetings and friends, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz.

From Baltimore.

William John Thomas, Rich^d W. Bentley, Benjⁿ Hollenbeck, Isaac Burroughs, William Riley, Townsend Scott, William Woods, Cabot Stoller, The^o S. Matthews, Elias Matthews, Levi Price, Daniel Matthews, Isaac F. Dixon, Bartlett Harland, Mahan Horritt and Henry Jarney.

From Warrington

James Russell, Josiah Willard, Joshua Russell, Thomas Willard, William Ellis, Nathan Smith, Jesse Cook, and Joel Wright.

From Fairfax

Daniel Walker, Sarah L. Pigeon, Joel Lupton, John W. Marvin, William P. Steers, Nathan Walker, James C. Jarney, James M. Steers, Thomas Brown, William Helmes, Joseph Nichols, Asa M. Jarney, Robt. R. Roberts, Saml D. Walter & John A. Aickinist.

From Nottingham

Anson Pyck, John Marshall, John Marshall, Lucius Phillips, Francis Smith, Thomas P. King, Joseph Thomas, Mont P. Coates, Israel Lewis, Anna Pyck, William P. Lewis, Joseph A. Sweet, and William Waters.