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next
Washington
Quarter

Joseph H. Lincoln, and Jonathan Ambler, were appointed to visit that Quarterly Meeting, render such counsel and advice as they are capable of, and report the result of their labors to this Meeting, next year.

- 30 The Committee appointed at a former sitting to examine the Treasurer's accounts, propose a sum to be raised to meet the expenses of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and nominate a Friend, for Treasurer, made report as follows, viz:

Report
of
Com.
on
Treasurer's
accounts
and
Treas.
appointed

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, propose a sum to be raised to meet the expenses for the ensuing year, and nominate a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer, report, that they have examined the accounts, and find them correct, with a balance on hand of \$581.56. The expenses incurred the past year amounted to \$518.49.

We recommend that \$2000.00 be assessed to meet the expenses for the coming year, and, that Edwin Blackburn be appointed Treasurer.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Job Kibben,

Baltimore 10th month, 28th, 1880.

This Report was satisfactory to the Meeting, and Edwin Blackburn, therein named, was, accordingly, reappointed Treasurer.

The Quarterly Meetings were directed to forward their quotas of the sum proposed to be raised, to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, at as early a date as convenient.

- 31 The Committee appointed on Second-day morning to endeavor to embody some of the Exercises of the Meeting in a suitable minute to be inserted in our Extracts, produced the following, which was satisfactory to the Meeting:

Minute
of
Exercises

On entering into an examination of the State of Society as brought up in the answers to the queries, the deficiencies therein made apparent, awakened a concern in the minds of many Friends

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and elicited much valuable counsel. We are told that our duty to God and man would lead to our assembling ourselves together for Divine worship. And we have encouraging evidence that our religious meetings, though small, are a means of comfort and strength to those who attend with a sincere seeking mind. And desires were expressed to encourage all to faithfulness in making every needy sacrifice to comply with our convictions of duty, considering it essential to our best welfare that our social, religious intercourse shall not be neglected.

Although our Society is nearly clear of the use of intoxicants, it was a subject of concern ~~to~~ many exercised minds, that a few of our members are still engaged in the sale of them in connection with their business as grocers, which cases are under care.

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The subject still requires of prayerful interest, as the temptation continues to present for improper and wrong use of that which is in itself useful, but when misapplied, becomes one of the most fruitful sources of misery and crime among mankind. A testimony against evil was ever successfully born that did not cost something to the party bearing it. And it is as true now as it ever was, that where there is no cross there is no crown. Our Monthly Meetings were encouraged to labor with offenders in that love which ever wins when rightly exercised.

The love and harmony in which the business of the Yearly Meeting has been conducted, is an evidence that the bond of union by which we are bound together is as strong as it ever was; especially was this apparent when considering the change made in our Book of Discipline.

Epistle
Replies

The same Committee produced an essay of an Epistle to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which was approved. The Clerk is directed to transcribe it, sign it on behalf of this Meeting, and forward a copy to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, Genesee, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, respectively.

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Extracts

The Clerks were directed to have 2500 copies of the Extracts from the Proceedings of this Meeting, together with those of Women's Meeting and the Epistles received at this time from other Yearly Meetings, printed, for distribution among our mem-