

1883. If so, it were well indeed, that the concern of every thoughtful member should be enlisted. But that the fundamental principles of the Society can either decline or pass from the recognition and acknowledgment of the best and purest of mankind is impossible; as we believe them to be founded on the unchangeable Truth.

The evils that abound throughout our favored land and bring so much unnecessary suffering to many people, awakened a renewed interest in the meeting in those benevolent efforts that have for their object the removal of the causes to which they owe their origin. The query arose whether our Society is doing all it can to assist in the efforts that are now being made by benevolent persons to advance this work: and on the recommendation of our Representative Committee, the Meeting concluded to appoint a standing committee to which the charge of this interesting work is committed, with instructions to labor as way may open.

From the reading of the answers to the Queries, we do not find that our Society is retrograding; but the deficiencies apparent awakened a lively concern in the Meeting to adopt some practical measures, which may tend to improvement.

In the abounding of Divine Love which has cemented us afresh during our being together, and laboring together for the advancement of our Redeemer's cause among our fellow beings, we commend you to the word of His power.

34. The Clerks were directed to have 2200 copies of the Extracts from the Minutes of our Proceedings, together with those of Women Friends, the Memorials and the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, printed for distribution among our members.

35. The Committee to assist the Clerks in revising and printing, are also authorized to have the proceedings of the First day School Association, and if they approve, some extra copies of the Memorials printed for the use of First day Schools. The School Treasurer was directed to have them forwarded by express or otherwise, as early as convenient, to the correspondents of our Monthly Meetings.

36. The Meeting now directs that the Representative Committee meet this evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock, for the purpose of organization, etc.

37. A Memorial of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, approved by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, concerning our deceased Friend Samuel Townsend, was received from the Representative Committee, and read, during which, deep solemnity prevailed, and many hearts were tendered in the contemplation of his useful life. The Clerk was directed to sign it, and return it to the Representative Committee to be recorded.

38. With feelings of gratitude for the continued evidences of Divine favor extended to us through the several sittings of this Meeting, enabling us to transact the important concerns that have claimed our attention in the spirit of love and forbearance, we conclude, to meet at the usual time, next year, if so permitted.

Levi B. Brown.
Clerk