

A Testimony from Hopewell. Monthly Meeting
 Revised by Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, concern-
 ing James Mendenhall.

His our beloved friend was born within
 the verge of this meeting, on the tenth day of the
 Twelfth month 1751. — In his youth he manifest-
 ed an amiable disposition; but as he advanced
 in age, the fascinating and delusive enjoyments
 of Time, with the prospects of Pleasure from the
 indulgence of his passions, had their usual
 effect upon his inexperienced mind, and led
 him in some degree from the path of innocence.
 But his course was soon arrested by an
 attention to the quickening influences of divine
 power upon his own heart. — This gave him
 not only a true perception of the source from
 which only alone real happiness can be de-
 rived, but effectually persuaded him to de-
 dicate himself to it, and to forsake those —

Quasuits which he was enabled clearly to dis-
 -cern were no more than "lying vanities" — promising
 enjoyments they could not give, because of their
 impure, transitory and unsubstantial nature.

About the twenty fifth year of his age he
 appeared as a Minister to the satisfaction of his
 friends. — In this department of religious
 service his communications were sound and edi-
 fying — plain — persuasive and without affectation.
 He was eminently qualified as a labourer in
 the discipline of the Church, and in this sphere
 of engagement his services will long be remem-
 bered in all those meetings of which he was a
 member, and wherein he diligently exerted
 himself as a mild yet zealous advocate for good
 order, and an able counsellor in relation to
 the concerns of righteousness. — Nor were his
 useful efforts restricted to the bounds of our own
 Society. — He was attentive also to discharge the
 obligations of Christian duty to his neighbours — as
 a helper in their necessity — a peacemaker — and
 friendly adviser in their difficulties. — He several
 times travelled to a considerable extent in
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