

Divine declaration that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.

We salute you in the fellowship of the Gospel and are your Friends and Brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting aforesaid

Samuel Parsons.
Clerk.

From our yearly meeting held in Philadelphia by adjournment from the 20th of the 1st month to the 25th of the same inclusive 1829.

To the next Yearly Meeting of Friends in Baltimore.
Dear Friends,

Being again permitted to meet in this our annual assembly which notwithstanding the defection of many continues to be large; we have had abundant cause reverently to admire the goodness of our gracious Preserver, manifested not only in our present exemption from the Burdens by which we have been so grievously oppressed but also in the renewed extension of his redeeming presence, baptizing the minds of many Brethren amongst us into a fervent and harmonious travail for the advancement of his cause, the promotion of Truth and Right amongst in the Earth.

The difficult and trying scenes through which we have passed and are yet passing, have prepared the minds of many among us to enter into tender sympathy with you, in the afflictions that have assailed you; and likewise to partake of your joy in the deliverance which has been thus far effected. But dear Friends let us carefully cherish the remembrance, that it is only as we are kept chaste in our love and obedience to the Bridegroom of Souls, that we can witness preservation from the snares of the enemy. We agree with you in the sentiment, that the jealousies & dissensions which have produced such lamentable devastations in our religious Society are the result of the Spirit of infidelity which had been industriously striving to lay waste the saving truths which are brought to Light by the Gospel. But we also believe that it is by a departure in heart from the Obedience of Christ, a disregard to the Law of the Spirit of Life inwardly revealed that the ground has been prepared for the reception and growth of the evil seed. It is in the heart of the children of disobedience that the Prince of the Power of the Air establish

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likes his dominion. May we then be increasingly engaged to watch and to pray, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith, that by walking in His Year, we may be purified from every defilement & rendered fit Temples for His Holy Spirit to dwell in. As this becomes our happy experience we shall witness the fulfilment of his own declaration 'Whosoever doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God.'

And while we regard the union which has been received and is Truth and is no lie; as an object of indispensable and primary attention, we earnestly desire that Friends both with you and us, may also be diligent in the perusal of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto Salvation through Faith which is in Christ Jesus, our LORD.

In taking a view of the difficulties and trials that await you in your present straitened situation, we doubt not that discouragement often attend you but it is our earnest desire that you may not unprofitably dwell upon your weakness and the smallness of your numbers, but cast your care upon Him who is all sufficient for the accomplishment of His own work. His name remains to be a strong tower into which the Righteous flee and find safety. The more fully we place our dependence in Him, the more we shall receive those supplies of His strength by which we shall be enabled to stand with Christian Firms for the defence of the Gospel of our Lord and Victorious Jesus Christ. And inasmuch as the welfare of our Religious Society is intimately connected with the faithful support of the excellent Discipline which in the wisdom of Truth has been instituted among us, we feel tenderly solicitous, that you may be encouraged to make use of the strength afforded in labouring with those who have separated themselves from our Religious Community. We believe that the faithful performance of this duty would be the means of increasing your strength, and uniting the exercised numbers among you more closely with each other, and with the body at large. And may He who is a Spirit & Judgement to those who sit in Judgement and strength to them that turn the Battle to the gate, be pleased from time to time, to renew your confidence in him and furnish with ability to maintain the principles and Testimonies which we have been called to bear.

The circumstances of those amongst us who have seceded from our Religious Society and set up meetings of their own contrary to our established order and yet assuming the name of Friends, engaged the weighty attention of this Meeting last year. Of the proceedings then adopted you have not been hitherto officially apprised, owing to the peculiar situation in which you were placed. We now inform you that to prevent imposition and mistake, correspondents, in each of the Quarterly Meetings