

to Him who can alone save us - unto Him, who will 'take the stony heart out of our flesh, and give us a heart of flesh' even unto Jesus, the Author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The committee produced as directed Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin and to the several yearly Meetings on this continent, which were read and with some alterations approved, and the clerk directed to transcribe, sign and forward them.

Having been favoured to transact the business which has come before us in much brotherly love & harmony, under feelings of thankfulness and solemnity the meeting concluded, to meet at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore, for the Western Shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania & Virginia, by adjournments from the 26th of the 10th month, to the 27th of the same inclusive, 1840.

By reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends are representatives, viz: -

From Baltimore - John P. Balderston, John Griffith, Isaac Selt, Isaac Brooks, Senah Sands, Joseph King Jr., Joseph Townsend & Wm. Bond.
From Nottingham - Joseph Balance, Samuel Worthington, William Waring and John Sharp.

From Dunning's Creek - James Magrath, William A. Thomas, Bond Valentine, Hugh M'Goy and Samuel W. Miller; who being called, were present, except one.

Certificates and minutes were produced by several brethren & sisters attending this meeting from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings, which were read to satisfaction, and Senah Sands and James Magrath are appointed to unite with a Committee of women Friends, in preparing a suitable essay of endorsement to be placed upon them, and produce it to a future sitting.

Epistles of Correspondence were received from the Yearly Meetings of Friends of London and Dublin, and one from each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent, except Indiana, which were read to the comfort

and edification of the meeting; and the following named Friends are appointed to prepare essays of Epistles in return to those now received, also one to Indiana, and produce them to a future sitting, viz: Richard H. Thomas, Samuel Carey, Bond Valentine, Robert Bond, William A. Thomas, Wm. Waring, Thomas Worthington, Isaac Brooks, Joseph Balance, John P. Balderston, Thomas Levering, Samuel Worthington, William Preeton, Joseph King Jr., James Magrath, Joseph Townsend, John Griffith and Senah Sands.

The printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London in the 5th month last, was received and read to the satisfaction of the meeting, and with a view to the interesting matter contained therein being spread among our members generally, it was concluded to have 500 copies thereof re-printed for distribution, and Joseph Townsend and Thomas W. Matthews were appointed to attend to the printing, and call on the Treasurer for the amount of expense incurred.

The representatives were directed to confer together at the close of this sitting, and agree on two Friends to serve the meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk, the present year; to be proposed at the opening of next sitting.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Near the time adjourned to, Friends assembled.

Isaac Brooks, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and had agreed to propose Hugh Balderston to serve the meeting as Clerk, and Joseph King Jr., as Assistant Clerk, of the present year; which was united with, and they appointed to the service.

The Committee appointed last year to attend the opening of Dunning's Creek Quarterly Meeting, produced the following report, which was satisfactory, and the committee released.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee of men & women Friends appointed to attend the opening of Dunning's Creek Quarterly Meeting, agreed to make the following report: A part of our number attended to the duty assigned them. The meeting for Ministers and Elders was held on 2nd day, and the Quarterly Meeting was opened & held on 3rd day, the 11th of the 6th month last, to satisfaction, and the business conducted agreeably to good order.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Isaac Brooks,

Elizabeth Robertson,

Richard H. Thomas,

Grace J. Worthington.

10th Month 26, 1840.