

after this attainment. We may esteem ourselves to be very humble - to be very poor and weak: - we may feel ourselves to be very unworthy: - but let the promise vouchsafed by the Almighty, prove our encouragement and support: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Here is the strength of the Christian. Under its influence & assurance, we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper." This strength is administered to all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, & therein is ability and qualification found for the right discharge of every duty which may devolve upon us in the Church & in the world.

We have at this season sympathized with our beloved brethren & sisters in their remote situations and reduced conditions; but let neither the one nor the other, we entreat you, ever cause your hearts to grow weary of the Lord or indifferent to his cause. Be the concern of Joshua of old, your concern. Let others do as they may; "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." It is not in consequence of the greatness of our number or the conspicuousness of our places, that the Lord regards us with his favour: but "to this man will I look, even to him that is poor & of a contrite spirit & that trembleth at my word." We have just reason to believe that the Lord will remember for good such as those wherever their lot may be cast, or however they may be circumstanced; even to the being with them in all their trials and sufferings which they may have to endure for his - for their own - or "for the elect's sake." Our minds, on the present occasion, have been afresh convinced, that every baptised & living member of the Church must know a participation in this suffering; & it is to these the language is revived. "If we be dead with Him, we shall also reign with him; if we suffer with him we shall be also glorified together."

In considering the state of Society as presented to our notice by the Quarterly Meetings, we have again had to perceive that deficiencies exist among us. While this is a subject of no little sorrow, & mournful to be witnessed after having been made to partake in times past so marvellously of the Lord's preserving power & goodness, let it quicken us, dear friends, into renewed engagement of soul to labour for their removal. Be diligent in the attendance of all your meetings. Let neither worldly company, nor worldly cares or business ever be allowed to keep you from a faithful performance of this reasonable duty. It is a sacred duty - a delightful one to those who, having "given themselves unto the Lord" do know him to be in the midst of his gathered people as "dew upon Sion." These can adopt the language, "there is none like unto the God of Szechuran, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky. The Eternal God is their refuge & underneath are the everlasting arms."

The love of God to such a degree as this would never fail to be accompanied by the love of the brethren. This commandment, says the Apostle John, "we have of Him; that he who loveth God, love his brother also." This indispensable obligation upon the Christian, if carried out to its proper limit, would forever bar the practice of tale-bearing & detraction. We should never be privileged to speak evil of the absent with undue freedom, and should place a guard upon our lips, lest by a too wanton liberty with the character of a brother or a sister, we should bring them into unwarranted dispute - wound our own souls - disturb the unity of the body, & excite suspicion & jealousy where there should be charity & love.

We desire that our dear friends may restrain themselves from this as from all other evils; knowing that there will come a day when the secrets of all hearts shall be made manifest & be judged; when to the righteous the language will be spoken; come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; - but to the unrighteous, depart from me ye workers of iniquity. May this awful truth ever keep our hearts and minds in the fear of the Almighty, & in reverent obedience to his teachings; so that being guided by his counsel & preserved in his favor, we may finally be received into glory, for Christ's sake. Amen.

The meeting being informed that the Friends heretofore appointed Trustees to hold the land purchased for the use of Friends composing Baltimore Yearly Meeting, for a pasture lot, now all deceased except Joseph Townsend, of the city & county of Baltimore & State of Maryland; in consideration whereof, the meeting hereby appoints Francis S. King, of the city & county of Baltimore & State of Maryland - Richard M. Danney, of the same county & State - Isaac Hoge, of Loudoun County, in the State of Virginia - William Waring, of Cecil County in the State of Maryland - and Bond Valentine, of Centre county, in the State of Pennsylvania, as their successors, to hold in trust the said estate, for the same & for no other use or purpose whatsoever, than that originally intended.

Thomas Worthington, on behalf of the Committee appointed to nominate a friend to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee on Indian concerns, reported the name of Bond Valentine, which was approved, and he appointed to that service. The Clerk is directed to furnish that Committee with a copy of this minute.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.