

of best wisdom, the more we shall be engaged to acknowledge & to maintain them. Labor then, dear Friends, after consistency in your appearance, in your conversation & in your lives. Each one of you has his part to perform—each one has his talent to improve. The work is the Lord's, & if entered upon in his fear, he will prosper it.

Come up then to the help of the Lord. Dedicate yourselves to his service, and you will experience his blessing, & his preservation to be yours. "If you seek him, he will be found of you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever".

Epistles of Correspondence to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent—one to the Yearly Meeting of Dublin, & one to that of London—were produced by the Committee on that subject—read, and with some alterations, approved & directed to be transcribed, signed & forwarded.

Having been enabled to transact the business which had come before us at this time in the unity of the Spirit & bond of Peace, with hearts thankful for the favor, the meeting concluded: to meet at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

John P. Balderston,
Clerk to the meeting this year.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore, for the Western shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania & Virginia, by adjournment from the 31st of the 10th Month to the 3rd of the 11th Mo inclusive 1842.

By reports from the Quarterly Meetings, the following are the representatives, viz.
From Baltimore—Hugh Balderston, David Newlin, Richard M. Jarmy, Isaac Brooks, Thomas Scott, Joseph Canby, John Scott & Joshua Russell.

From Hillingham—Elisha Cook, Joseph Smalley, George P. Cook, Lloyd Balderston, W^m Waring, & Harris Reed.

From Fanning's Creek—W^m A. Thomas, Hugh McCoy, Thomas McCoy, James Smith & Bond Valentine—Who were present except two.

Epistles of Correspondence were received from the Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent, & in Europe, which were now read, bringing our distant brethren of other Yearly Meetings near to our best feelings in the bonds of Gospel love & fellowship; & the following Friends were appointed to prepare Epistles in reply to them, & submit them to a future sitting, viz: Joseph King Jr., Hugh McCoy, Thomas Worthington, Hugh Balderston, Thomas Scott, Isaac

Brooks, Richard H. Thomas, John Scott, Jonah Sands, Thomas Loring, Robt. Bond, W^m A. Thomas, Bond Valentine, Joseph Balance, W^m Waring, Lloyd Balderston, Isaac Hoge, & Wm Proctor.

The printed General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting was likewise produced & read to our encouragement, edification & comfort; & with a view of having the benefit of its contents more generally diffused among our members, it was concluded to have 400 copies thereof reprinted for distribution. Joseph King Jr. & Thomas R. Matthews were appointed to attend to that service.

The Representatives were desired to confer together at the close of this sitting, & agree in two Friends to serve the Meeting as Clerk & Assistant Clerk, to be proposed at the opening of next sitting.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Pursuant to adjournment Friends assembled.

Isaac Brooks on behalf of the Representatives informed that they had united in proposing John P. Balderston for Clerk, & Bond Valentine for Assistant Clerk, the present year, which is acceptable to the meeting, & they are accordingly appointed.

Certificates & Minutes were produced for several brethren & sisters from other Yearly Meetings, which were read. Hugh Balderston, Jonah Sands, Elisha Cook, Joseph Balance, & W^m A. Thomas were appointed to unite with a Committee of women Friends, in preparing essays of endorsement to be placed on them, & present them to a future sitting.

Miles White, Thomas Scott, Jonah Sands, W^m Waring, Joseph Smalley, George P. Cook, Isaac Miller, W^m A. Thomas, & Hugh McCoy were appointed a Committee to examine & settle the Treasurer's accounts, report the state of the stock, & the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, & report to a future sitting. The Committee are likewise directed to take into consideration the request of our present Treasurer to be released, & if may open for it, report another Friend to fill that station.

The Friends appointed last year to correct & read the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, reported attention to the service. They are continued to the same service the present year, to report to next Yearly Meeting.

The following Minute & proposition appended to the Epistle of our brethren of Virginia Yearly Meeting being now read, bringing their condition into view & exhibiting our sympathy & interest, it was concluded to accede to their invitation & to appoint the following Friends to the service, viz: John P. Balderston, John Scott, Isaac Brooks, Elisha Cook, Jonah Sands, Hugh McCoy, W^m A. Thomas. The Clerk is directed to furnish