

these things which make for best temporal good, and prepare them for an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away." They were encouraged to be more diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures, not only in seasons of retirement but also in their families, that thus in solemn reverent waiting upon Him who alone can "open to us the Scriptures," we may know indeed that "they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

The attendance of meetings of kindling ministers by some of our members, also called forth a lively concern that our members should not depart from our ancient testimony to a free gospel ministry, but remembering that the foundation of our profession is the immediate operation of the Holy Spirit on the heart, which teaches as man never taught, we may submit ourselves to its guidance and direction, for it is the free gift of God to his people, "without money and without price."

The following proposition was contained in the report from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, viz; that the Quarterly Meeting now held in the ninth month, be in future held on the sixth day preceding the Yearly Meeting, that a meeting for worship be held at 10 o'clock, and the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, at half past 8 o'clock A.M. of the same day, which being considered, the proposed change in the time of holding these meetings from the ninth to the tenth month was approved, and the Clerks are directed to furnish Baltimore Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Meeting having taken into consideration the stated times for holding the Meeting for Suffering, it is now concluded, that they be hereafter held on the Seventh day preceding Baltimore Quarterly Meeting in the Third and Twelfth months, and on the Seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting at 7 o'clock P.M. The Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this Minute. And then adjourned to half past 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

21st of the Month and 11th of the week.

Friends again assembled.

The following Satisfactory and interesting Report from our Standing Committee on Indian Concerns was produced and read, and our Subordinate Meetings are directed to raise the sum of \$130. as therein named to be applied to the prosecution of the concerns the ensuing year. Joel Cook of the Half Yearly Meeting of Virginia is now added to the Committee. To the Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Indian Concerns Report: That through accounts furnished them by the Committee of Indian Affairs Yearly Meeting, they are enabled to present the following statement of the Condition of our Establishment among the Shawnees up to the Seventh Month 10th of

this year. Before entering into particulars, we may premise, that at no period of its history, did the Institution seem to promise more favourably, than at the present. There is not only an increasing desire among the Indians to give their Children the advantages of a useful education, but also an effort upon their own part to conform to the Customs of the White Man, and to profit by the advice of our Friends who reside among them. They are turning their attention more and more to agriculture and the useful arts; they can better appreciate our labours of love among them, and we may therefore reasonably hope for greater and more permanent good effects from them than we have hitherto seen. The latter four months of last year, were unusually sickly on the Kanadas river, and our School suffered severely, in common with their neighbors; though there is no mention of any death among them. Most of the Children who left on account of the sickness returned. During the winter Spring and Summer, the family and Children have enjoyed good health, and the School has been larger than heretofore, some having waited until there should be more room, the old building being much too small to accommodate those already admitted, with comfort or convenience. We are glad to be able to state that a large and more commodious building is now nearly or quite completed. It will add much to the convenience and comfort of the family, as well as increase the means of usefulness of the establishment. The Soil of the farm is said to be excellent; there are about 200 acres enclosed with good fences, one third of which is in grass. It is well stocked with horses, horned cattle and hogs, and they expect to get some sheep. They have harvested 1400 bushels of wheat, 1800 bushels of oats and 2 1/2 tons of hay. There are 113 acres in Indian corn, and 3 acres in a garden, which are flourishing. Eli Headly the farmer had left, and a Friend was much wanted in his place. Under the head of produce sold during the year, beginning 6th Month 1st 1845, there was an aggregate of \$1447.67, while there was laid out for the use of the family, \$1188.33, leaving a deficiency of \$259.34. So that there is a probability that the produce of the farm will nearly or quite defray the current expenses (salaries excepted) of the establishment. The Treasurers report exhibits an aggregate of receipts the past year, of \$1050.45, and of expenditures \$1480.65, showing a balance of \$69.80 in the Treasury, while there is still due from Indiananna, Subscriptions of 1845, \$207.31. While the apparent indebtedness of the Committee is \$1329.83 it is stated that there are funds sufficient to reduce it to \$702.72. The School has been kept up, without any vacation, the year round. There have been 64 Children at School during the past year, 32 boys & 32 girls.