

Minutes
of
Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends
1854

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore, for the Western Shore of Maryland, Virginia, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania, by adjournments from the 19th of the 10th mo. to the 22^d of the same, inclusive, 1854.

By Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings and the Half Year's Meeting of Virginia, it appears that they have appointed the following Friends their Representatives, viz:—

From Baltimore Quarterly Meeting.—Hugh Balderston, Joseph King, Jr., George P. Cook, Thomas R. Matthews, John Scott, Sarah Sand, Richard M. Janney and Aaron H. Griffith.

From Dunning's Creek Quarterly Meeting.—William A. Thomas, Bond Valentine, William McVaul and Hugh McCoy.

From Virginia Half Year's Meeting.—John B. Crenshaw, Robert S. Puttall, Nathaniel C. Crenshaw and Alfred Rick.

Who were present, except two, for the absence of whom reasons were given. The following Certificates and Minutes for brethren in attendance, from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings, were presented and acceptably read:

For Charles E. Coffin, a minister from Sidney Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, Maine;

For John L. Eddy, a minister from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Krum Creek Quarterly Meeting, Ohio.

For Thomas Frazier, a minister from Salem Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, Iowa.

For Samuel Gifford, a minister from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Massachusetts.

For Thomas Grover, a minister from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, Rhode Island.

For Isaac Steer, a member from Smithfield Monthly Meeting Rhode Island, Companion to Thomas Grover.

W^m A. Thomas, Aaron H. Griffith, Joseph King, Jr. and Robert S. Puttall, were appointed to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to prepare, as may may open for it, essays of endorsement, to be placed on the Certificates and Minutes of Brethren now in attendance from other Meetings, and produce them to a future sitting.

Epistles of Correspondence, from the Yearly Meetings of London,

Dublin, New England, New York, Ohio and Indiana, were read. No Epistle from North Carolina having yet been received. The reading of these interesting Epistles, afresh brought our brethren of other Yearly Meetings to our affectionate remembrance, with desires that this intercourse may be maintained in that love and life, which will qualify us to strengthen and comfort one another.

Richard H. Thomas, Bond Valentine, W^m A. Thomas, John Scott, Aaron H. Griffith, Robert S. Puttall, Francis S. King, John B. Crenshaw, Ely B. Hayward, Nathaniel C. Crenshaw, George P. Cook, Joseph King, Jr., James Carey, William McVaul and Richard M. Janney, were appointed to prepare replies to those now received, and one to North Carolina.

The London General Epistle was read to our comfort and edification, and that our absent Members and others may be partakers of its valuable and instructive contents, we have directed seven hundred copies to be reprinted for distribution. Thomas R. Matthews and Miles White were appointed to attend to the printing and call upon the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The Representatives were directed to confer together at the close of this sitting, and agree upon two Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk, the present year, also to name two Friends to act as Messengers to Women's Meeting, and report at the opening of next sitting.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Friends met according to adjournment.

John Scott, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Francis S. King, for Clerk, and Ely B. Hayward, for Assistant Clerk; which being separately considered, was united with, and they were accordingly appointed. Richard M. Janney and Aaron H. Griffith, were proposed as Messengers to Women's Meeting, which was also approved of, and they were appointed to that service.

With the Epistle from London Yearly Meeting, we were in receipt of an Address to all who bear the name of Friends, issued by that Meeting. The reading of this valuable paper has been instructive to us, and the Committee having charge of the London General Epistle were directed to have fifteen thousand copies of it reprinted; and our subordinate Meetings were requested to give it a wide circulation among our own Members and all others who bear the name of Friends, within the limits of our Yearly Meeting.

We were also in receipt from London Yearly Meeting of an Address to Parents and others on the early training and scriptural instruction