

We have to record merciful preservations since we met a year ago, and in adjourning to the usual time next year, - if the Lord will, - we do so in renewed faith, committing ourselves, one another and his blessed cause, into the Lord's keeping.

Minutes

of

Baltimore Yearly Meeting, 1863

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 month to the 22d of the same inclusive, 1863.

By Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Baltimore. - John Scott, Thomas R. Matthews, Richard M. Lantry, Geo. P. Cook, John S. Williamson, John W. Hopkins, Abel S. Hopkins and Jesse Tyson.

From Dunning's Creek. - Wm. A. Thomas, Thomas McCoy, Zachariah McNaul, Samuel Way, Jr. and Wm. McNaul.

Who were present:

No report was received from the Half Year Meeting of Virginia, as the intervening Armies prevent all intercourse with that Meeting.

The following Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, were presented and acceptably read, viz:

For Susan Howland, a Minister from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, Mass., endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

For Sybil Jones, a Minister from China Monthly Meeting, Maine.

For Phoebe Ann Sandt, a Minister from Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York.

For Rebecca W. Allison, a Minister from Burlington Monthly Meeting, New Jersey.

For Eli Jones, a Minister from China Monthly Meeting, Maine, companion to his wife, Sybil Jones.

For Wm. C. Taber, an elder, and his wife, Rhoda S. Taber, a Minister, from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, Mass. companions to Susan Howland.

For Abby W. Underhill, a Member of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, companion to Phoebe Ann Sandt.

Wm. A. Thomas, Richard M. Lantry and William McNaul, were appointed to unite with a similar Committee of Women's Meeting, to prepare endorsements to be placed on the Minutes of Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, as way may open for it; and produce them to a future sitting.

Epistles of Correspondence were received and read from London, Dublin, New England, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings: none from North Carolina having reached us.

The reading of these valuable Epistles from our brethren of the other Yearly Meetings, has brought them very near to us in the love and fellowship of the Gospel. While we mourn over the bitterness of feeling and strife which distract our beloved Country, we are thankful to acknowledge by the evidence thus afforded, that they have not entered our borders, but that we are still one people bound closely together in religious and social fellowship, seeking each other's good, and the spread of that Kingdom which breathes peace on earth and good will to men.

The following Committee was appointed to prepare Epistles in reply to those now received and one to North Carolina, and produce them to a future sitting, viz:

John Scott, Wm. A. Thomas, Richard M. Lantry, Francis J. King, James C. Thomas, Jesse Tyson, James Cary, Thomas McCoy, Thomas R. Matthews, Zachariah McNaul, Abel S. Hopkins, Geo. P. Cook, Samuel Way, Jr., Jonathan Dennis, Jr., Wm. McNaul, and John R. Winslow.

The Representatives were directed to confer together and propose to our next sitting two Friends to serve this Meeting, as