

485 with the concern, and appoint-committees, it is proposed that the time and place of meeting of said conference be at Baltimore, the week before Baltimore Yearly Meeting, in the year 1866.

"Extracted from the Minutes of Ohio Yearly Meeting, 1865.

Jonathan Binns, Clerk."

A Memorial of our late beloved friend Bond Valentine, prepared by Centre Monthly Meeting, and approved of by Dunning Creek Quarterly Meeting, was received from the Meeting for Sufferings, with a Minute informing us that it had been carefully read and examined in that meeting and was fully and feelingly united with. The reading of it has afresh brought the life and labors of our dear departed friend before us, and made us sensibly realize the great loss which the Church has sustained by his removal. The Memorial was fully united with by this Meeting, and our Clerk was directed to have it printed with our Minutes for distribution.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock to-morrow morning.

The 3d of the week and 24th of the month.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The Meeting was engaged during this Session in the reading of the Queries and Answers as far as the 3d inclusive.

Then adjourned to 3 1/2 O'clock this P.M.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and a Summary adopted to represent the present condition of this meeting.

In considering the State of Society within our limits, it is cause of thankfulness that we have Reports at this time from Virginia, after an interval of four years, and are glad to learn that they have kept up their meetings under circumstances of great discouragement. Whilst we sympathize with them in their past trials, it does not now seem a word of exhortation going forth to our various members, that in commemoration of the many mercies of our Heavenly Father - so many precious tokens of His goodness towards us - that we may be strengthened to set up our Ebenezer in solemn covenant to Him, that the residue of our days may be more than ever devoted to His blessed Service. We cannot but believe, that as the heavy cloud is rolled away that has hung over our land, that the sun of righteousness will break forth in more than wonted brightness, with healing in his wings.

That as we give up our hearts to his righteousness, we will know a renewal of strength, we will know a gathering, and that the walls of our Churches will be built up. We will gain no strength

486 in looking at our own weakness, in thinking that there is no use in meeting the Lord or throne. The word of exhortation is, that under a heartfelt sense of the love of Him who was made manifest in the flesh, we should feel his presence to be with us - that now out of the depths of our felt weakness, we should look to Jesus and gather our little meetings in Holy Faith, in child-like expectation, to meet with our God through Jesus Christ our Lord. He, that is the Eternal Sufficiency of the hundreds and thousands, is he not the Sufficiency of the two or three gathered in his name. As we know Him to be our Shepherd, we shall not want. We desire that every meeting for worship may become more and more, a living testimony to Jesus, that our gathering may be indeed in his name, that in living faith we may more and more, under the blessing of the Holy Spirit; know the unspeakable preciousness of his atoning blood, of his reconciliation, that we have access through one Spirit to the Father - that we have under our weakness and unworthiness, that precious Truth, that he is our Mediator - our advocate with the Father, our eternal High Priest; who has passed into the Heavens, to appear in the presence of God for us. The Spirit takes of the things of Christ, and shows them to the believing soul in every hour of weakness, of distress, and of sorrow - sealing upon our hearts those precious words, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not," thus being brought under the exercise of living faith, to sit not in the cage in earthly places, but sit down with Christ in heavenly places. Though outwardly solitary, that word will be marvelously fulfilled, the Lord setteth the solitary in families, making them feel that new and heavenly relationship with his redeemed children, who are worshipping him in earth and in heaven, with the voice of unutterable love. "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy, might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

The Answers to the Queries from the Salt Spring Meeting of Virginia for the years 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864 were received and read, embracing that period in which there was no intercourse between us on account of military restrictions. It is a comfort to us to find that our dear friends were enabled to sustain their meetings - that love and unity has been unbroken, and that the principles and testimony of our Society have been faithfully maintained as heretofore, during