

vouchsafed to us from sitting to sitting, contrasting us under a sense of His love, and binding us together as Brethren in the sure fellowship of the Gospel. Under this precious feeling the meeting concludes to meet again next year, if the Lord permits.

(signed) Francis T. King Clerk.

## Appendix

### Memorial of Hopewell Monthly Meeting Concerning Jno. Griffiths, deceased, an Elder.

Under a fitting sense of the great loss we have sustained in the death of our dear friend, Jno. Griffiths, we feel it right to record a brief memorial concerning him, in commemoration of his godly zeal, and religious devotion, by which he was actuated during a long, and useful life.

Our departed friend was born in Camden Co. Va., and lived and died a valued member of this Monthly Meeting.

He was accustomed to regard it as one of the joys of his enumerated mercies that (having lost his mother in his infancy) he was blessed with a Christian father, who was anxious to train him up in the fear of the Lord, and to guard him with a watchful care from the many dangers, which so thickly beset the stepping paths of youth.

But little Howard is now known of his youth and manhood, except that from his own account, although he was in some measure given to the amusements and follies of his age, he was miraculously preserved from the commission of acts of gross disobedience to the divine law, feeling the restraining influence of a Heavenly Monitor which promised us "this is the way, walk thou in it", and secretly admonished him of any departure from the safe path of peace and self-denial.

His marriage to Rachel Hackney, a young woman of good understanding, and deep, earnest faith, he accounted, among his greatest earthly blessings, as by their consensual religious deportment, and tender Christian counsel, he was confirmed, and strengthened in his Christian course.

As the cares of a growing family began to press upon him in order to provide things needful for their comfortable support, he was also awakened to the higher responsibilities of the religious training of those committed to his care. And as an unflinching source of help in the discharge of his duty.

He diligently searched the sacred Scriptures for lessons of wisdom and instruction, endeavoring to impress upon their minds the solemn truths of the Gospel, and the ennobling principles of our Holy Religion, a godly concern he continued to manifest to the close of his life.

When the shades of life's evening were gathering around him, under a feeling ~~sure~~ that his days work was nearly done, he earnestly addressed his descendants, quoting the impressive advice of Moses, the servant of the Lord, and pressed upon them its strict observance:

Hear, O Israel. The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might, and these words I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them, when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

He desired that his counsel might be faithfully followed, signifying that it did not meet with universal acceptance, and adoption in the world at large.

He further remarked, "I have been in the practice of reading the sacred Scriptures and the journals of deceased friends, for many years, and found much comfort, encouragement and instruction in so doing, and I feel it a duty to recommend the same practice to you, and in your families, and I have no doubt the same experience will be yours."

He spoke of the Spiritual Exercises through which he had often passed, and related the mental inquiry which had often arrested his mind on his way to meeting, as to where he was going and what for?

This, said he, caused me to look closely into my motives, and earnestly desire the Searcher of hearts to search mine, and cleanse it of every defilement. And when I have tasted my soul, solemn has the occasion appeared to me, under a feeling sense of my many weaknesses, and of my spiritual needs; yet I would have none discouraged, for although we may at times experience poverty of spirit, and the buffetings of Satan, and feel as though we knew not whence good cometh, we