

Minutes of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends. 1881.

1. 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 22nd to the 27th of 10th Month inclusive, 1881.
2. Reports from the subordinate Meetings, the Representatives to this Meeting were as follows, viz: Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, - James Carey, Joseph C. Elliott, Geo. L. Scott, John Griffith, Thomas Withersald, Rowland F. DeVol, Joseph Edge and James Carey, Jr.
 Dunning's Creek Four Months Meeting, - Zachariah McPaul, Thos. McCoy, Jacob D. Valentine, John Irwin, Wm. R. Blackburn and David T. Way.
 Virginia Half Year's Meeting, - Isaac S. Hawks, John R. Crenshaw, John Pickett and Jas. F. Whitlock.
 Who were present except two, for the absence of one of whom a reason was understood.
3. Minutes were read for the following Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, and Joseph Edge, Thomas McCoy and John Pickett, were appointed to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to prepare endowments to be placed on them and dedicate them to a future sitting, viz: John Butler, an Elder from this Yearly Meeting, Rebecca Collins, a Minister from New York Yearly Meeting, Maria Priscilla Munsey, a member of London Yearly Meeting, Margaret A. Hunt, a member of Ohio Yearly Meeting.
4. The Minutes of last year were read, and the Committee to read them reported that the service had been attended to. They were continued to read those of this year, and report to our next Yearly Meeting.
5. The following Dilutation of remembrance and love was received from our aged friend, John Scott, a

Minister of this Meeting now residing in California which our clerk was directed to acknowledge on behalf of this Meeting.

Oakland, Cal. 10th Mo 8th 1881.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Not being permitted to meet with you at this time, I feel drawn to send a few lines to bring to your remembrance your aged and absent brother in the Faith. I pray for a special blessing to rest upon you, not only while assembled, but that each one may keep under the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit when you are forced to return to your several habitations. The Lord grant that an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and an ingathering of precious souls unto the dear Redeemer, may be the happy result of the assembling of the Yearly Meeting.

I had looked with deep interest and strong desire to be able to attend the Yearly Meeting this season, but as the time draws near it is clear to my mind that I am relieved from this service.

My general health has not been as good as heretofore, but my mind has been calm, quiet, peaceful and happy in contemplating the future. While relieved from much active service, I feel constrained to attend to what is present for the advancement of the dear Redeemer's Kingdom. By the influence of the Holy Spirit, my only hope is in God, through Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, and I am able and willing to cast all my care upon the dear Redeemer to the end of my earthly pilgrimage, having a confident hope that there is a blessed home beyond the grave for all the ransomed of the Lord.

Being so remarkably blessed, and often so unexpectedly, to the great surprise of my own mind, I do desire to continue to partake of the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit to the end of my pilgrimage journey.

As faith and patience abide, I have a trust that I shall be admitted into that blessed abode of eternal rest and peace and join all his faithful children in praising his everlasting name throughout the countless ages of eternity. Farewell in the Lord, may grace, mercy and peace be increased among you, with my soul.

Your aged friend, John Scott.