

"In the consideration of the Annals, Friends were reminded of the blessing of not only waiting for, but acting under, the ability which God gives us for service. We believe that some of our members have heard the call to preach the Gospel, or to testify for the Lord who have not heeded the call. It is a blessed privilege to preach Christ, to give the clear sense of the Gospel message, even in the lanes and alleys, and to be permitted to go out and comfort them who come in. There is mind of our promptly yielding to the dictates of the Holy Spirit. There is lack amongst us of faithfulness in our clubs, and in our families, that we may also be faithful in our more public work for the Lord.

We all, the young and the old, as well as the old and new members, have a part to perform. In order to properly feed the flock, it is necessary to have ourselves kept fed - to know the baptism of the Holy Ghost - that we may be filled with power from on high. This waiting with expectation, we shall never. The basis of our ministry is dependence upon God always and especially at the time of service. The power of the early Church was not in mental ability - not in money - but in the power of the Holy Spirit. We receive not only the general commission, but we wait on the Lord for the special call for the particular service. This opportunity would be given for the exercise of the gracing gifts of the Church, and new brethren cut. We need the service of all, both the learned and unlearned and care should be taken to encourage and develop the gifts of others. The Lord is pleased still to send his messengers before his face to prepare the way as He sent John the Baptist as He sent the seventy (whose names are written not on Earth but in heaven) two and two into every city and town where He himself would come.

We should recognize the love of the Lord in delivering us from the horrible pit and the miry clay, and recognizing what he has done for us, be willing to labor for his sake and the Gospel's. May we be willing to go at his command.

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight held 11 mo 15th 1883.

James Carey Thomas Clerk

- 24 The Committee on changing the time of holding the Yearly Meeting, and some of the subordinate meetings made the following report, which was united with and they will hereafter be held accordingly:

To the Yearly Meeting -

The Committee on changing the time of holding the Yearly Meeting and of such other meetings as may be needful to avoid interfering with each other recommend that the following changes may be made viz:

1st Baltimore Yearly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and the Representative Meeting in eleventh month all to be held one day earlier than at present and at the same hour.

2nd Baltimore Quarterly Meeting to be held at Baltimore the third Second-day in the twelfth month at 11 A.M. instead of at Patuxent as at present.

3rd Patuxent Monthly Meeting to be held one week earlier than the regular time in the ninth and eleventh months.

On behalf of the Committee

James Carey

- 25 The Committee on the Treasurers account made the following report which was acceptable to the Meeting, and our subordinate meetings were directed to raise the sum therein named and pay it to our Treasurer Isaac Brooks Jr. To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers account report that they have done so and find it to be correct. The Treasurer has a balance on hand of \$833.29. They recommend the sum of \$600 to be raised for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee

Balto. 11 mo 14th 1883.

Jos. P. Elliott

- 26 The Committee on endorsements produced a copy of one which was united with and our Clerk was directed to place it upon the Minutes of Friends in attendance.

- 27 The Committee on correspondence presented Epistles addressed to London Dublin Canada New England New York North Carolina Ohio Indiana Western Iowa and Kansas which were read and approved and the Clerk was directed to transcribe sign and forward them. The following statistics of Yearly Meeting were read.

Whole number of members	767
Males	371
Females	396
Families	181
Parts of families	161
Worshipful attenders who are not members	113
Ministers	14