

## Additions during the year

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|----------------|----|----|
| By birth       | 7  |    |
| By request     | 30 |    |
| By certificate | 17 | 54 |

## Reductions during the year

|                                         |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|----|
| By death                                | 11 |    |
| By removal                              | 8  |    |
| By resignation or disavowment           | 3  | 22 |
| Net increase for the year (4% per cent) |    | 32 |

24 The Committee upon the endorsements of the Minutes of Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings produced one which was united with, and the clerks were directed to endorse the Minutes accordingly.

25 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.

26 The Committee upon the Treasurer's account submitted the following report which was united with.

"The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account report that they have done so and find it to be correct.

"The Treasurer has a balance on hand of \$1021.09

"They recommend that the sum of \$900. be raised for the coming year."

On behalf of the Committee

Joseph Edge

Baltimore 11th March 19th 1884

27 The following Minute was received from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and read to our comfort and satisfaction. The Clerk was directed to insert it in our Minutes to be read in our Preparative and Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

On approaching the consideration of the Queries, we were reminded of the word of the Lord - "Abide in me"

what a blessed resting place for the believer is Jesus. In Him is found joy in tribulation, and strength in service. He leads, as we continue in His love, not to defeat, but to victory. We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people to show forth His praise. Not only does the Lord give a general call to His work, but He grants fresh anointing for every service. The one cannot supply the other; our worship should be kept on the basis of spiritual order - which is that of real dependence on the Lord Jesus - the head of the Church, that we may know the intellect to be sanctified, and the service blessed, and the message go home to many hearts. He shall be careful to sit down at the right time, and not to interfere with the exercise of others, and so the Church will be built up and fed.

No one is to conclude that they have nothing to say; a few words spoken by an Elder, or a broken prayer is often a great blessing. The preparation of the heart is of the Lord.

The message may be given to us in advance of the service or at the time, only let it be the Lord's message. All our experience, all our intellectual attainments, all our knowledge, should be held subject to the Lord's use. We should study the Bible, and acquaint ourselves with human needs that we may be workmen rightly dividing the word of truth. The acknowledgment of the gift conferred on Ministers is not setting them apart as the only ones to speak; but others may be called to speak, and way should be made for these, and our testimony to a free gospel ministry be maintained with power.

We should be willing to enter into a close relationship to the Lord Jesus, and so humble ourselves before Him that we may be able to glorify Him: free from the bondage of self, may we follow Him closely. We are not only to give ourselves to the Lord, but to one another in love. All true service leads to higher service: higher in the Lord's sight. With our faces in the dust before Him, we are prepared to go forth - we eat the precious roll, and our ministry is baptized by the love of God, and desire for souls. One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren. We should demean ourselves properly. Members one of another, we should care for the reputation of the Church in all our meetings - that the word which goes out from us should never dishonor our Master. Our leader is the Lord Jesus