

the good news of salvation through Christ. There is need of a more earnest effort to reach the masses of the people, whether found in the streets and lanes of the City, or wandering in the highways; or behind the hedges of the country or in foreign lands. If they will not come to us, we must go to them. We need not only men but money in order to effectually accomplish the work. We believe that every one would find his part in this great work were we attentive to the call of the Lord.

An intelligent understanding of the Gospel requires prayerful and constant study of the Holy Scriptures, and we greatly desire that all may be ready to give a reason for the faith that is in them. Our meetings in many places have an increased attendance, and we have been cheered by the willingness of many of our members to enter into Christian work. The harvest truly is plentiful and the laborers are few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He may send laborers into His harvest. We desire to express our sympathy with all who are engaged in spreading the Gospel of the grace of God. One in Christ Jesus our Master, we are brethren of the household of faith.

- 16 The following Minute of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was received from that Meeting, carefully considered and adopted, as the judgment of this Meeting.

It continues to be our settled conviction, that in establishing the New Covenant, the Lord Jesus did not institute any outward rite or ordinance obligatory on the Church. His baptism is the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. He is Himself the bread of life. The eating of His body and the drinking of His blood is not an outward act, but a spiritual reality. His presence with His Church is not to be by symbol or representation, but in the real communication of His own Spirit. It is, therefore, the judgment of this Meeting, in accordance with the well known principles of the Society of Friends, that no one can be acknowledged or retained in the position of Minister or Elder amongst us, who continues to participate in or advocate the necessity of the outward rite of baptism or the supper, neither can we approve Ministers coming from other Yearly Meetings who teach these doctrines.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning in joint session.

10th of the Month and 3rd of the week

According to adjournment the Meeting assembled in joint session.

- 17 The London General Epistle was read. It contains a statement of Christian faith and practice, which we believe will be profitable to our Members and others, and we have appropriated £100. to have 800 copies ready for distribution. They were also directed to have 500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting printed for distribution.

- 18 The following report from the Pastoral Committee was read. We have approved the work of the Committee and the Committee was continued, and the Treasurer of Men's Meeting was directed to pay £100. or so much thereof as is requisite, to the Committee to meet its expenses. The Treasurer of Women's Meeting was directed to pay to the Committee the sum of £100. The names of Louisa T. Brooks, Abby Ness, Mrs. N. Parker, Mrs. S. Wright and George L. Stabler, were added to the Committee. Our Friends, Allen C. Thomas, John Newlin and Sarah W. Newlin, expecting to be absent during the year, were released from serving in the Committee.

Report of the Pastoral Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

No series of Meetings has been held in Baltimore since our last Yearly Meeting, as we did not open for it.

During the past year, with the exception of the summer months, the attendance of our meetings on First Day has increased, though it is noticeable that in First Day evenings, the majority who attend are non-members.

The Large First Day morning Bible Class held by J. Kendel Harris during the fall and winter was very stimulating to the religious interest of our younger Friends, as well as to many from other Churches.