

separate order of men and women, on whom the charge of the congregation should be conferred, thus virtually excluding the gifts of other brethren or sisters.

It was also considered that any pecuniary assistance which may be rendered in aid of the work of the ministers, should be free from any suspicion of creating places for the exercise of a profession, to be sought for as a maintenance. The blessed service of the Lord should be free in more senses than one, and dependence upon him for the supply of all our need should be encouraged. No Church will reach a full measure of prosperity, until it is ready heartily to appreciate, and lovingly and efficiently to aid the earnest labors of a devoted and self-sacrificing ministry, therefore, while offering some words of loving counsel, we wish to stand to our brethren and sisters so engaged, an expression of affectionate interest and sympathy, and an earnest desire for the blessing of the Lord upon their faithful service.

- 29 Francis T. King, John B. Cunnshaw, James C. Thomas, Julia Valentine, Deborah C. Thomas, Jane E. White, Allen C. Thomas, and Mary S. Edge were directed to consider the following proposition of the Conference and report next year.

Minute of Conference

The proposition with reference to the establishment of a Conference of Yearly Meetings, with certain delegated powers, to meet at stated periods, was considered, and the Conference requests the Yearly Meetings to consider this subject.

John H. Stuart
Mahalah Jay Clutz

James Wood Chairman

Then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in separate session.

Third day Morning 11th month 185th Separate Session Men

Friends met according to adjournment.

- 30 The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee was continued with a similar Committee of Women Friends to report to a future sitting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and also to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve the Meeting as Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, report that they have attended to that service, and find the account correct. The balance in the Treasurer's hands is fourteen hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety-three cents. (\$1414.93)

On behalf of the Committee
Francis White

Baltimore, 11th month 15th, 1857

- 31 We have now the acceptable company of our dear friend, Rufus P. King, a minister, with a minute from Springfield Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting, North Carolina.

- 32 The Queries were read with the answers to them from the subordinate Meetings and the state of Society considered. The following is a Summary of the answers, viz:

Summary of Answers to Queries.

- Ans 1. All of our Meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except two in one locality omitted on account of sickness. Those on First day have been attended by our members generally, those in the middle of the week have been small. In some Meetings more punctuality would be desirable. Unbecoming behavior has been avoided.

- Ans 2. Most friends maintain love toward each other becoming our Christian profession; tale bearing and detraction are discouraged, and when difference arise, endeavors are used to end them.