

30 A memorial of Baltimore Monthly Meeting on behalf of our late dear Friend, Mary Whitall Thomas, was read, and directed to be published with the Minutes of this meeting (See Appendix)

The reading of the memorials brought a very precious feeling over the meeting, and testimonies were borne by many to the helpfulness of the bright Christian lives of these beloved Friends, and to the power of the Lord to fit them for their service for Him.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

Third day Morning, 11th month 13th, 1888

Separate Session

Friends met according to adjournment.

Then

31 The Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting was now read and referred to the Epistle Committee.

32 The Queries were read with the answers to them from the subordinate Meetings, and the state of the Society considered.

The following is a summary of the answers, viz:

Summary

Ans. 1 All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except one for discipline, and three for worship. Those on First day mornings have been attended by our members generally, so far as practicable. Those in the evening and in the middle of the week have been neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior has been avoided.

Ans. 2 We believe Friends maintain love toward each other becoming our Christian Profession. Pale-bearing and detraction have been discouraged. No difference arose amongst us.

Ans. 3 Most Friends have endeavored, by example and precept, to bring up their children, and those under their care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in that plainness and simplicity of life which the Gospel enjoins, care has been taken to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversations of the world, and they have been encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures

Ans. 4 We believe Friends maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry agreeably to our discipline.

Ans. 5 With a few exceptions, Friends have maintained their testimony against the use of intoxicating liquors, and have avoided drinking houses and frolics and demoralizing places of diversion.

Ans. 6 The necessities of the poor have been inspected, and advice and relief have been extended when thought necessary.

Ans. 7 With a very few exceptions in one locality, all Friends' children are placed at School, and when practicable in schools under the care of Friends.

Ans. 8 We believe Friends maintain a faithful testimony against oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, Lotteries and Slavery.

Ans. 9 Friends have appeared careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability, to manage, or engaging in hazardous or speculative trade.

We believe they have been just in their dealings, and endeavor to be punctual in complying with their engagements. When any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, due care has been extended to them.

Ans. 10 Care has not always been taken to deal with offenders reasonably; but when done, it has been impartially, and in the spirit of meekness and love.

Ans. 11 Mary Whitall Thomas, a member and minister of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 2^d 1888, in the 52 year of her age.

Priscilla M. Hopkins, a member and elder of New York Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh month 17th, 1887, aged 86 years 4 months and 8 days.

Jonathan Moore, a member and elder of Patuxent Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth month 16th, 1887, in the 73rd year of his age.

Jane C. Whitlock, an elder of Richmond Monthly Meeting, died eighth month 8th 1888, in the 83rd year of her age.

Wm P Ware, an elder of Lower Monthly Meeting, Pa., died Eleventh month 7th, 1887, in the 63rd year of his age.

Ans. 12 Corinth Preparative Meeting, Lower Pa., established Sixth month 14th, 1888.