

Our testimony to a Free Gospel ministry is maintained when each member of a Meeting is willing to be an open channel for the transmission of the Gospel message. We rejoice that our organization affords opportunities for the development and exercise of individual gifts. To Christ is the head of this church, it is our privilege to look to Him, and the Holy Spirit will direct all the exercises of our Meetings.

We have at this time a deep sense of the loss our Meeting has sustained in the removal by death of two valued Ministers. Many bore testimony to the spiritual help they had received from Deborah C. Thomas, to her fervent prayers, and to the weightiness of her spirit. The loving and condescending spirit of John B. Crushaw was dwelt on as a good example to us all.

20 The summary of the Epistles from other Yearly Meetings was read and accepted.

21 The Committee to record the Minutes of 1888 reported they had attended to that service.

Margaret C. Thomas and Susan B. Galey were appointed to record those of the present year.

Then adjourned to meet Second day at 10 A.M. in joint session.

Second day Morning 11th Mo. 11th
Joint Session

Friends assembled at 10 o'clock.

22 The London General Epistle was read. The valuable counsel and affectionate exhortation contained in it was acceptable to the Meeting, and we direct 1,000 copies to be printed for the use of our members. The Printing Committee was also directed to have 500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting printed and distributed.

23 A Minute was read for our Friend John P. Hanson a Minister from Mount Vernon Monthly Meeting, South Dakota, Iowa.

24 A Memorial of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, on behalf of our late dear Friend, Deborah C. Thomas, was read and directed to be published with the minutes of this Meeting.

25 A Memorial from Richmond Monthly Meeting, on behalf of our late dear Friend, John B. Crushaw, was read and directed to be published with the Minutes of

this Meeting. Many testimonies were borne to the blessings that had attended the Gospel labor and loving work of these dear Friends. May their example encourage us to faithfulness in simple obedience to the Lord's call that His work may be carried on in harmony and love, and that we may continue to be one another's joy and rejoicing in the Lord.

26 The Trustees of the Miles White Beneficial Society submitted their annual report. They have distributed \$2,910, according to the terms of their trust, as is fully detailed in the report and Statement.

27 The Committee on Race reported as follows. The report was acceptable to the meeting, and our Treasurer was directed to pay M. M. White, Treasurer of the Peace Association of Friends in America, the sum of \$100 in aid of the association, and also to pay \$20 to the Chairman of the Committee on Race of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, for the use of the Committee.

28 The Minutes of the Representative Meeting were read and approved, and the Meeting authorized the omission of the stated meeting in French March.

29 The Representative Meeting, to which was ~~referred~~ referred last year the subject of the distribution of Friends books, made the following report, which was adopted by the Meeting. To the Yearly Meeting.

We have considered the subject referred to us (the distribution of Friends books), and whilst we are united in the belief that a wider distribution of, and more general acquaintance with approved Friends writings are desirable, it is our judgment that the establishment of a Publishing Agency, as proposed by our Friend Henry Stanley Newman, will involve the active co-operation of Friends of the several Yearly Meetings, and that it is not expedient for our Yearly Meeting to take any definite action in the matter at present.

On behalf of the Representative Meeting

Signed John Nicholson Clerk.

11th Month 8th 1889

30 The following report of our standing Committee on Indian Affairs was read and approved, and our Treasurer was directed to pay our proportion of the expenses of the Associated Executive Committee.