

12th of the month and 5th of the week.

Friends met for Divine worship.

At the conclusion thereof, the following minute from the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was read and approved, and directed to be read in the subordinate Meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

Our meetings for worship form a good index, not only of the spiritual life of the church, but also of our practical belief in the Headship of Christ and the priesthood of believers.

Remembering the promised presence of the Lord, we will be punctual in coming together,

prepared to receive the word from Him, who is the centre and source of spiritual attraction and power.

Like those who came to Christ, when he was manifested in the flesh, for His touch of healing, we also shall be found laying our burdens at His feet, and renewing our strength. Here we faithful to the Lord and free in our service, it would be impossible for us to delegate the arrangement or conduct of our meetings to any man; nor would any be willing to assume them.

The Query in the Discipline which admonishes us to wait for and act under the ability which God gives seems to forbid pre-arrangement in our meetings for worship. If this Query were really acted out, we need fear no failure. Waiting on the Lord is a universal requisite for success, and no mere tenet of one branch of the church. A Christian is one who has entered upon a new life and action—who listens to hear and to obey what God says, and thus becomes strong in the Lord.

We need the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit in order to be guided aright, and that we may not go astray; we often misjudge our nearest friends; how can we know the hearts of others? The Lord who knows all hearts can tell us what to say to them.

The methods and objects of our special meetings are important factors in the education of the church. To train the converts into Christians, who are thus obedient to the Lord's voice, is of greater importance than to bring larger numbers to lean upon man's teaching. All should be expected to have an independent Christian experience. We need not fear that