

At Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 25th of the 10th Mo. 1853.

By Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears the following named Friends are Representatives.

From Baltimore. Nicholas Popplein, Hugh Balderson, Thomas Scott, Hannah Hopkins, Rachel Hough and Elizabeth Scott.

From Nottingham. Joseph Balance M^r. David Griscom, Elizabeth Cook, and Rebecca Waring: who being called were present.

Our Beloved friend Gerard T. Hopkins, the clerk of this Meeting being prevented from attending by indisposition Hugh Balderson, was appointed to serve the present Meeting in that capacity.

Certificates and Minutes were produced by Brethren and Sisters attending this Meeting from neighbouring Yearly Meetings as follows: One for Henry Hull, a Minister from Stanford Monthly Meeting endorsed by Stanford Quarterly Meeting in the State of New York: One for Mildred Ratcliffe, a Minister from Westland Monthly Meeting endorsed by Redstone Quarterly Meeting, Pennsylvania: One for Rebecca Hubbs a Minister and one for Rebecca Smart her Companion an Elder, both from Salem Monthly Meeting New Jersey: One for Elizabeth L. Redman a Minister and one for Sarah Nicholson her Companion an Elder both from Haddonfield Monthly Meeting New Jersey: One for Margaret Parker a Minister from Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting New Jersey and One for Margaret Morton her companion

was an Elder from Wilmington Monthly Meeting, Delaware: One for Betsey Purington a Minister and one for Matthew Purington, her husband and Companion both from Providence Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island: One for Benjamin Wadd an Elder from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio: and one for George Smith an Elder and companion to Mildred Ratcliffe from Westland Monthly Meeting Pennsylvania. which were read and with their Company were satisfactory to the Meeting. The Clerk was directed to hand them to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and the answers thereto received from the Quarterly Meetings from which the following summary answers were collected as nearly representing the present state of this Meeting.

First - Ministers and Elders when of ability are mostly diligent in the attendance of Meetings for worship and discipline and we believe they encourage their families to that religious duty.

Second - Ministers in the exercise of their Gifts appear careful to wait for Divine Ability.

Third - As far as appears Ministers and Elders are in Unity one with another and with the Meetings to which they belong and we believe a concern is felt for the advancement of Truth and the support of our Discipline.

Fourth - Ministers and Elders are in a good degree exemplary in uprightness, temperance, and moderation, and we trust they are concerned to endeavour to educate their families in plainness of Dress, and simplicity of manners becoming our