

Francis T. King, Geo B. Crenshaw, Julia Valentine and Mary W. Thomas were appointed to unite with the clerk to prepare a summary of the expenses of this meeting during the continuation of the services and present it to our next sitting.

Then adjourned to 9 1/2 A.M. Fifth-day morning

John Carey Thomas. Clerk

Fifth-day morning 10th mo. 23rd 1879 - Near the time adjourned to Friends met -

The following minute of advice was read and we deem it to be read in our Quarterly & Preparative Meetings on Ministry and Oversight & a copy furnished to each of the members of these meetings - It is as follows

"The condition of our meetings and members generally has claimed our prayerful consideration at this time in connection with the important responsibilities that devolve upon those to whom is committed the ministry of the Gospel and the pastoral care of the people.

Many persons come to our meetings for worship seeking our sympathy and help. Let us be prepared to enter into feeling with them. Whilst we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, let us also exhort one another. If we yield ourselves unreservedly to God and ask the guidance of his Holy Spirit, we will be led aright in our efforts to help others. We will manifest our interest in them and seek to bring them to Christ. Our words, our prayers, even our tears, will be blessed.

There is need of labor in many neighborhoods within our limits, and we believe there are those around us whose right place is in church fellowship with us. Let us be diligent to gather them in. If we ourselves realize the need of daily feeding on Christ with thanksgiving,

we can carry a message of comfort and consolation to the hungry. An ample provision has been made for all. The Lord does not bring us to an empty table. If we fit spiritual food ourselves in our meetings and strength in fellowship of the brethren, let us be ready to invite others to partake with us. We should be faithful also in claiming to those in the bondage of sin, salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and be ourselves witnesses of power to save. The Lord would lend us into labor - us yield to his constraining love no grudging service.

We earnestly desire that there may be found among men and women of wisdom, patience and discernment, shall be qualified rightly to exercise the important duty entrusted to the Elders. Under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit they may greatly promote and strengthen the Church and aid by their counsel and help the work of the ministry. Our prayers have ascended to the Lord - our ministers may be strengthened to proclaim the Gospel in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Prayers in public should be definite and not unduly prolonged, but in the spirit of grace and supplication, the expression of the felt needs of the congregations.

We have at this time felt the great importance of the scriptural doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the true and spiritual communion of our blessed Lord. We individually need to be baptised with the Holy Spirit, and the question should come home to us all - "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" In the disuse of all outward elements may our own experience be such, that we can point others to the substance and not to the symbol, to Christ rather than to man or any observances. Our well established views on these solemn subjects were never more important and dear to us than at the present time, and we earnestly desire that our friends everywhere may be faithful in maintaining and proclaiming them.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the leader and teacher of his people. If we ask and expect it we shall receive ability to labor effectually for his cause. We will be taught what

to say and when to be silent, our service will be accompanied with the power of God, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we shall be enabled to keep our true position in the Church of Christ.

Many of our members have recently been blessed of the Lord; many have dedicated themselves to his service. Let us be careful to sympathize with them and anxious to give them opportunities for service and development of their gifts.

An earnest desire for growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, has characterized our meeting at this time. May we, dear friends, be found at our posts, faithful to the Lord and to one another and may the work of the Lord prosper in our hands.

The Lord has been pleased to bless us with his presence - May He keep us during the coming year and give us wisdom & strength for our work! We now conclude to meet again next year if the Lord permit

John Carey Thomas. Clerk

St. Baltimore Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Baltimore by adjournments from the 16th to the 21st of 10th month 1880 -

By reports from the Subordinate Meetings the following friends are representatives from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting. Francis T. King, John Carey, Mary S. Edge and Deborah C. Thomas. Dunning's Creek. Four Months Meeting - Paschaiah M^c Naul, Julia Valentine, Thomas M^c Coy, William R. Blackburn and Elizabeth W. Miller.

Half Year's Meeting of Virginia. Geo. Pullor, John B. Crenshaw, Mary S. D. Pullor and Jane C. Whitlock