

Tenth Month, 18th 1880. At the Conclusion of the sitting of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight reassembled.

During the reading of the Queries and Answers the Meeting has been under much concern for the proper performance of the important duties devolving upon those who have the oversight & care of the flock.

We should be careful rightly to divide the word of truth; careful to teach the whole truth as it is in Jesus, not only that which interests our own minds, dwelling on one portion of divine truth to the exclusion of others equally interesting & important parts. So that when the Word is presented to the congregation it may be complete in love. To accomplish this we should both work and pray for the ability which God giveth; and also confidently expect it.

The well of water springing up in the soul where Christ dwells, is the blessed source of a free gospel ministry. God's gifts are worthy of the giver: His measure is full measure. When we work long enough to realize strength given for service - let not the service be delayed - Each exercise in a religious meeting should add force to what has preceded it and we should be careful to pray for the mind of the Spirit & pray that effective work may be done for the Lord.

We should be careful to foster the spiritual gifts of our younger members and encourage them in their right exercise. In the early days of our Society the majority of the ministers were less than thirty years old -

It is important to have a clear outline of Gospel truth - know the spiritual standpoint of our Church all is harmonious - our testimony is to Christ alone - let us not mar or overlap it with either the dispensation of Moses or that of John the Baptist. Our work should not be separated from that of the Church - we need the Council as well as the fellowship of our brethren.

Let us, dear friends, gird up the loins of our minds - be sober (serious, not sad) rejoicing in the work of the Lord, and hope to the end. Let all be found in their right places - the child doing a child's work, the man doing a man's work - Work does not give strength. Our power is not in our work - but in God - Let us trust Him for the bestowment of the Holy Spirit -

The friends appointed to prepare a retiring minute for our friend Stanley Humphrey who wife produced the following which was approved by the Meeting and the Clerk was directed to forward it to London Yearly Meeting on Ministry