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At. Baltimore Meeting on Monday and
Overtight held 11th Nov 7. 1885 Called by Authority
of the Yearly Meeting.

Clerk Our friend James Carey Thomas, who has for
some years acceptably served this Meeting as
Clerk requested to be released from the service.
We have, therefore appointed James Carey,
John B. Crenshaw, George L. Scott, Mary S.
Edge, Caroline G. Fell and Mary Griffith,
to nominate to our next Meeting a friend to
serve the Meeting as Clerk.

Report of
Committee
on
Ordinances
so called. The Committee on the subject of the
Ordinances (so called) ^{introduced a minute} which was considered
and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to
lay it before the Yearly Meeting. It is as
follows.

It continues to be our settled conviction
that, in establishing the New Covenant, the
Lord Jesus did not institute any outward
rite or ordinance, obligatory on the Church.

His Baptism is the baptism with the Holy
Ghost and fire. He is himself the bread
of life. The eating of his body and the
drinking of his blood are not outward

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acts, but spiritual realities. His presence
with his Church is not by symbol and rep-
resentation, but in the real communication of his
own Spirit. It is therefore the judgment of
this Meeting, in accordance with the well known
principles of the Society of Friends that no one
can be acknowledged or retained in the position
of Minister or Elder amongst us, who continues to
participate in or advocate the necessity for,
the outward rites of Baptism or the Supper,
neither can we approve Ministers from other
Yearly Meetings who teach these doctrines.

The Meeting then adjourned to the time
fixed at last sitting —

James Carey Thomas. Clerk

July of
Ministry
in the
respects
of our
own &
other
Meetings