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variance. Let us labor therefore to live in the true spirit of unity which is able to recognise a right variety in points of view and of expression.

Two errors are common. In a meeting where there is a helpful ministry, there is often a tendency to feel that we have all that is needed. But we should remember the need of a succession, and encourage the exercise of gifts that may appear to those who have them to be very insignificant. Again, in a meeting where there is little or no ministry, discouragement may act as a great barrier to the development of gifts. Yet in the simple offering of some who may seem to have no special gift may lie the germ of great usefulness if the gift be properly cherished and exercised.

We have been encouraged to be true to our message. The Society of Friends was not intended to be as a fruit jar in which to preserve certain testimonies. It is to receive and to hold them in such a living way that it may propagate them. If we get a sight of the truth, we shall become enthusiastic advocates of it. It is a most serious error to assume an apologetic attitude in regard to our principles. Yet we can never become enthusiastic in regard to them so long as we consider them as mere sectarian peculiarities. As soon, however, as we come to realize how they are the natural outcome of great underlying principles which are not sectarian, but universal, we grasp their importance, and become earnest in their propagation.

Finally, let us realize the responsibilities that rest upon us, who have come into harmony with God through repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul realized that he was debtor to others, not because they had given him anything, but because he had advantages unknown to them. We are debtors to the community in which we live, because of the spiritual truths committed to us. The simple fact that there is in a locality a meeting-house and a meeting involves responsibility for the spiritual and moral enlightenment of the neighborhood. We are to go forth not in any mere groove, though always in harmony with our principles, and seek to make room for every gift to be exercised in the power of God.

On behalf of the Meeting,

RICHARD HENRY THOMAS, Clerk.

BALTIMORE, Eleventh month 14th, 1899.

66. The draft of a Minute containing the substance of the exercise of the Meeting following the reading of the answers to the Queries has been read. It is approved, and is directed to be inserted in our Minutes after the summary of the answers.

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At Baltimore Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Baltimore by adjournment from the 9th of the Eleventh Month to the 17th of the same month, 1900

By reports from the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the following Friends were the representatives, viz: -

From Baltimore Richard H. Thomas, Saml. R. Neave, Lindley D. Clark, Anna B. Thomas, Francis A. White, Louisa T. Bristol, Elizabeth L. Latimer, Martha W. Bishop, Charles Y. Thomas, Samuel N. Brown and Howard M. H.

From Drumming's Creek, (Report not received)
From Virginia, Edward J. Raiford, Mary J. D. P. Low, Mary J. Cook, Richard A. P. and Margaret E. Cushman,

who were present except four for the absence of two of whom reasons were given. Minutes were read for the following Friends in attendance with us, viz. -

Allen Jay, a Minister from Whitewater Monthly Meeting, Indiana

Mary J. Weaver, a Minister from Elba Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting, New York