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local meetings on Ministry and Oversight,
either as such, or as local Pastoral Councils
are now organized for Pastoral work,
and that, in several instances this is
the result of the work of this Council -
when visits have been paid other religious
work was entered upon.

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The following report
in regard to the
ministry and oversight
body was presented
and directed to the
Meeting.

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Reports have been received
Ministry and Oversight.

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In addition to the reg-
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some of them, as will app-
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and that many of them are
and conversion of sinners
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They also indicate a ge-
tures, and to seasons of pr-
others in uprightness of li-

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righteousness, and the promise is that all things shall be added.
The Lord taught this for all time, even for this time. No such
difficulties confront us, as confronted those slaves whom Paul
speaks of as Saluts in Caesar's household: their time was not
their own: servants of one of the most wicked and cruel
masters, yet able to so live, that Paul singled them out as
worthy to send a special message of salutation and cheer to
the church, teaching us that there are no circumstances or
conditions in which we cannot glorify God and live for the
help of those about us. There is a way in the midst of all,
in which we can walk, a way of power—the way of the
cross—a willingness to put ourselves in the place of death.
The message for us today is still the message of the cross, is
the message of death; laying at the feet of the cross, our
ambitions, our reputations, our own selfish interests. Let
Christ be our first choice, His will the final test of all our
choices.

We may be ready to say "God forbid that I should glory
save in the cross of Christ wherein I find my hope of heaven,"
but how many of us are as ready to say, "I am crucified with
Christ; crucified to the ambitions, to the pleasures, and to
the spirit of the world? that it is my joy to do His will and
complete His work." We all wish to be good, but how many
of us have a passion for souls; how many of us, for the joy
set before us of being workers together with God, endure the
cross? If any man will be my disciple said Christ, let him
take up his cross. This is the hard part, it may be, but is
there no other side? "My peace, my joy," said Christ, "I
give unto you." Shall we not join in an inward consent to
take the Lord as our King, that the power of the risen Lord
may be in us, and work through us? If we are His, we have
His power dwelling in us—power to make us effective.

We still need tongues of fire, that our testimony for
Christ, may burn its way out from our lips, into the lives of
those in the world.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given
thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the pres-
bytery." "Stir into flame the gift of God, which is in thee
through the laying on of my hands." "That good thing,

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The following summary of the exercise of this Meeting at its
previous session, when considering the reports from the Quarterly Meetings
on Ministry and Oversight—was presented, read and approved; and
the Clerks were directed to have Copies prepared, and to send one
to each of our Local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, with a request
that it be read in that Meeting.

(marginal the 'good deposit') which was committed unto thee,
guard through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us," is
Paul's admonition to Timothy.

Gifts are from God. In emphasizing this, let us remem-
ber that the exercise of them is somewhat dependent upon
human instrumentality. May there not be gifts lying dormant
in some of our young people, who need our hand laid upon
them?—not hands of restraint, but of encouragement.

Thus becoming each others helpers in the Lord, we may
know the fulfillment of the promise, "I will make them and
the places round about my hill, a blessing, and I will cause
the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers
of blessing."

(Signed) JOHN NICHOLSON,
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