

labors of our dear Friend, Harriet Green, who attended our Yearly Meeting in 1901, with Minutes of unity from Shaker Monthly Meeting, Essex and Suffolk Quarterly Meeting, and London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in 1896, and a further Minute from London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in 1901, and who with her companion Sophia Matilda Fry, faithfully labored amongst us in the years 1901-1902; visiting nearly all of our particular Meetings and entering into the conditions and needs of each. The helpful influence of her work, and the inspiring effect of her single-hearted devotion to the Lord have been felt ever since; and many of those amongst whom she labored are to-day praising God for the blessings that came to them through her.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Richard Henry Thomas, Clerk.

A minute was read for David E. Sampson of a Minister who has been in attendance at this Yearly Meeting. The company of our Friend is acceptable to us. The Clerk was directed to forward the Minute to the Yearly Meeting.

MINUTE OF ADVICE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

We have been reminded of our Lord's words in His prayer for His disciples: "As thou hast sent me into the world even so have I sent thee." As he gave up so much in order to seek and save the lost, so let us be willing to give up our ease that we may reach men for Christ. The greater our privileges, the more is this surrender required of us. Let us listen to another word of our Lord: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you;" and let us go forward to the service under the constraining impulse of the love of Christ.

In the Scriptural sense of the word, we need to be truly sanctified. Even our Lord said of himself, that he had been sanctified and sent into the world. What did this mean? Not that he was made more pure and holy, but that God was setting apart his best for the work of the salvation of men. Throughout the Old Testament, words signifying "to sanctify" and "to dedicate" are used several hundreds of times. They always refer to the most valued things. It was the best of the beasts that were sacrificed, and the most costly fabrics that were given. We are to devote our best, our very selves, to the Lord. This may lead us away from many of our comforts and our preferences into needy places, but in sharing the work with our Master we also shall realize the truth of the words, "He that sent me is with me."

Under the New Discipline, the Ministers, Elders and Overseers are constituted pastors of the meeting. To carry out our Discipline we must be actively at work. Let Overseers take oversight of the members, not waiting till any stumble or make a mis-step, but encouraging all to keep in the right path and to contribute their share to the work. Let the Elders advise with our Ministers and those who speak in meeting so as to help each to attain the greatest usefulness possible to him or to her. Let Ministers feel that their call is not only to our own members, but to reach out to others and to be a blessing to them. No Meeting where the membership is really concerned to save souls, and is actively working for this, is likely to die.

All men are longing for something better than they have. Their own consciousness of this may be very dim, but the longing is there, and when the message they need reaches them in the love and power of God, it will find a response.

Success really depends largely on our ability to bring others into the work. Study the conditions and needs of your meeting and neighborhood, and endeavor intelligently, simply and promptly to meet them. Give each individual some definite work to do, and do not limit the service to members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Seek avenues of service and enter upon them. It is not necessary for effective work to have either a large meeting or acknowledged ministers. We can always endeavor to bring people to Christ, and go forward in hope. Difficult problems may present themselves. They are there to be solved. Discouragements may abound. They are there to be overcome. Growth never comes to the man or meeting that says: "I cannot." It is the seeker that gets the blessing. It is the meeting that seizes the opportunity that grows; not the one that talks about difficulties. Though the Meeting to which you belong be a small one with little vocal ministry in it, God is able to feed such a Meeting, and the burden is upon you to pray to God to feed it, and to be willing that He should use you as His messenger. The way is open for you to give the message, and no one knows how great a blessing or how large gifts may come from faithfulness to the impressions of the Holy Spirit. Be careful not to keep the good of your meetings to yourselves. Let it overflow to others. If you feel that your meetings help you, invite others to them; bring others with you.

Then adjourned

Richard Henry Thomas, Clerk.

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