

jects of the duties of the Meeting on Ministry
brought and of the Monthly Meetings Pastoral
matter.

We find conditions
the different meetings so varied, that any
ment apparently separating these duties,
ed probably fail to receive general acceptance,
leave our Meetings from organizing separate
ies for the performance of pastoral duties,

Subject.

The Clerks presented a draught of a minute
of advice, based upon the exercises of our
last meeting. it was approved of with some
alterations and additions, and directed
to be sent ^{down} to be read in our subordinate
meetings it is as follows.

Minute of Advice of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight to its Subordinate Meetings.

Dear Friends:-

"As captain of the Lord's host am I come". This mes-
sage that came to Joshua, comes to us at this time with freshness and
power. The truth has been emphasized that He is not captain of
Joshua or Israel alone, but captain of the Lord's host. Therefore
He is with Friends, not because they are Friends, but as captain of
the Lord's host. * Jesus Christ is still the head of His Church;
but He wishes to blend the human with the divine, so He unites us with
Him in His work.

He would use and equip us that we may fill our places in the
divine order, teaching His truth through us. It is a blessed
thing to find our right place in this service. Before He can fully
lead us the consecrated life is necessary. He has assigned to us
talents and gifts as has pleased Him. He has entrusted to us sacred
and precious truths and as long as we keep these truths prominent
Jesus Christ will not fail to lead us, but losing sight of them we
get into darkness and difficulty.

The unsheathed sword in the hand of the captain suggests that
this life is a conflict in which each one must take an active part.
Truly nothing of value is now without conflict. It is not enough
-- important as it is -- to fill our accustomed place in the meeting.
We must go farther. We must remember we are not there for our own
cheer and comfort alone but for the help of others.

Most of us are so situated in life that care and duties
devolve upon us that might seem to hinder our active service in the
church. These things often open out to us larger opportunities,
and in our meetings, our homes, or business our lives may honor Him
and recommend Him to others.

It is earnestly desired that all Friends should live in the
practice of family worship. Where there are children it is of in-
creased importance as a means of interesting them in the things that
pertain to a consecrated and useful life. God honors the family
altar and it has been found to be a great blessing where observed.

The Concern was expressed that the meetings on Ministry and
Oversight should realize more fully the responsibility which the
church has placed on them for the up building of the membership.

L. R. Neave
Clerk