

jects of the duties of the Meeting on Ministry Oversight and of the Monthly Meetings Pastoral Committee. We find conditions the different meetings so varied, that any attempt apparently separating these duties, would probably fail to receive general acceptance. We leave our Meetings free from organizing separate bodies 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 message 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 increased 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.

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