

it is important that we know His will and be unitedly engaged in doing it. Our motive should be the constraining love of Christ and our testimony should be of His immediate & personal contact with and guidance of our lives, which should witness to Him daily.

We should have open minds and hearts to receive the guidance that will enable us to carry on the work of the Lord under the conditions of our lives today.

There is no lack of resourcefulness or of special blessing on God's part.

Preconceived opinions may keep us from seeing what God proposes for us in the work that belongs to us in a different time and under different circumstances from those that our fathers knew: Are we willing to let God have his way.

We should reckon our resources and seek by prayer and earnestness to draw on them for the supply of our needs.

The people are interested when the

issues are drawn and the leaders set forth the fundamental facts that affect life.

A negative attitude does not attract: - not what we do not believe or do not practice appeals to men, but what we do believe and what we have to offer constructively. God has great things for us if we are baptized for service & are really ready to go forward at the call of the Master.

Our ideal is not change or modern methods but to see & follow our Lord in just what He has for us in our own time & place. When He putteth

REPORT OF THE BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT ON THE CONDITION AND WORK OF THE MINISTRY AND OUR MEMBERSHIP, FOR THE YEARLY MEETING HELD ELEVENTH MONTH, 1908.

DEAR FRIENDS:

In reporting the condition of our Ministry and membership we have not much change to report since last year, and in view of the work that needs to be done both in the church and in the world we realize that we come far short of our privileges in Christ.

We are glad to note that the gift in the Ministry of Margaret T. Carey has been acknowledged, this being only the third Minister acknowledged in ten years. Four of our local Meetings are without acknowledged Ministers (although they frequently have vocal service in their Meetings) and we much desire that our young people prayerfully seek for this gift. We have an earnest concern for the development of the gifts in young people, and have felt the need of a nursing eldership. While the appointment to that position does not confer the gift, may there be those raised up to fill this need.

The important office of Overseer should be more valued amongst us. Most young people appreciate the loving oversight of the Church, both by encouragement and restraint, and where this is not given, a feeling of neglect comes, followed by indifference or something worse. We desire to express thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the measure of success He has given us, and for the gifts that are being developed amongst us, and to acknowledge that His presence and power have been with us.

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