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 The Representatives having conferred together
 proposed the name of Saml R Neave for
 Clerk and Anna B Thom as for assistant
 Clerk, which being separately considered
 were united with and they are appointed
 to that service for the ensuing year.
 The Clerks presented a draft of a summary
 of the exercises of our last Meeting, it was
 approved and directed to be sent down
 to our subordinate meetings to be read in
 a First day morning Meeting for worship
 if way opened. It is as follows: -

Minutes of the Exercise on the State of Society in the Yearly
 Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, 1910.
 (To be sent to the Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight.)

We rejoice in the assurance that our God is ever waiting to bless.
 The Holy Spirit has been poured out. Jesus Christ the Baptiser is our Savi-
 or and He waits to do His work of grace upon us. In the power of this
 blessed baptism we may be made more than conquerors through Him that saved us.
 The religion of Jesus Christ is for hard times as well as for easy times. Un-
 less we are saved from our sins and in our troubles we have not yet learned
 the true secret of the Lord. The world is watching us to see whether Christ
 is really able to save. When they see us varying with every change in our
 feelings or surroundings, they naturally conclude that the boasted power of
 Christ is only a beautiful fable.

Christ's power is as much needed in outward prosperity. This is
 often a time of real temptation, not the less real because insidious and
 unrecognised. The hard times drive us to Christ and we find Him able to
 save, but in prosperity we are too prone to lean upon our own strength which
 is never anything but weakness. It is an ABIDING trust that we need, and
 this is what we as Friends have ever testified to and sought to experience.

The best solace for one's private ills is to lose one's self in
 the work. We need a broader outlook on the world that knows not God to en-
 able us to realise the need for a message of victory. When we know the pow-
 er of Christ to overcome our own troubles we can go with a message of hope
 to others.

To really practise the presence of Christ covers the ground of per-
 sonal experience and of service for others. Some of you undervalue the ser-
 vice to which you are called. You measure its possibilities by your own in-
 ability and not by God's power. A Christian experience is to be a river,
 ever flowing, growing wider and deeper as it flows. All rivers are not alike;
 the Nile overflows its banks every year and fertilises the land of Egypt;
 the Thames flows through the largest city of the world and bears on its bosom
 the ships of all nations, but when it overflows its banks, it brings disaster
 and not blessing. So each fulfills its own course and serves God and man in
 so doing. Yet with all their differences the river water is much the same
 in all, and whatever our outward surroundings or our individual call to ser-
 vice, we all need the grace of God and nothing else can suffice.

We long to see our young people coming out into the work. Perhaps
 we older ones need to leave them free to try things out in their own way.
 Let us have the enthusiasm of our own principles, and teach our young people
 that even when they are toiling with their hands at the daily tasks of life
 they can be serving God and giving His message.

We believe that the Meeting for worship is after all the real
 place for the development of the gift of the ministry; we do not so much need
 prepared sermons as prepared ministers, and it is the Lord alone who can tru-
 ly prepare and qualify them, yet we should encourage the best possible cul-
 tivation of all their gifts. Perhaps we have not sufficiently magnified the
 ministry of the word, we need to see that it claims our deep and constant
 interest. It is after all a warm sympathetic atmosphere that is so much
 needed to develop this gift. The Thames sometimes freezes up and that means
 the stopping of commerce and starvation to many, but when the wind changes,
 like magic the ice disappears and the water flows again. So with our meet-
 ings - It is the warm breath of the Holy Spirit that creates the atmosphere
 in which the gifts can grow.

the Yearly Meeting. viz.

REPORT OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT ON THE WORK AND CONDITION OF THE MINISTRY AND OF ITS MEMBERS.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Ministry in our Yearly Meeting is generally directed
 to the building up of believers, but we acknowledge with thankfulness
 that there has been a growth of evangelistic activity, especially on the
 part of some of our Ministers.

We desire that there may be enlargement and development along this
 line, to the end that in our Meetings not only may the Church be edified
 but its numbers increased by the bringing in of those being saved.

While some of our membership realize their responsibility for the
 spiritual health and growth of the Church, there is felt to be a need of
 greater interest and activity on the part of others if the work of the
 Church, especially as regards its pastoral activities and duties, is to be
 accomplished. We are glad to believe that there is a general recog-
 nition of this need and of the responsibilities connected with it, as is
 evidenced by the concern that has gone forward from our body to the
 Yearly Meeting in reference to the development among the entire
 membership of the Yearly Meeting of all the gifts which our Lord
 bestows upon His believing children.

On behalf of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight.

SAMUEL R. NEAVE, Clerk.

Acknowledging the presence and love
 our Heavenly Father with us; this meet-
 ings adjourns to meet at the usual time
 next year if the Lord permit

Signed

Saml R. Neave
 Clerk