

for the ensuing year.
The Clerk presented a draft of the summary of the exercises of our last Meeting it was approved and directed to be printed and sent by mail to the members of the meeting of Ministry and Oversight. it is as follows.

Our reports this year have emphasized the need of an efficient Eldership. We believe true Eldership is a God-given gift, to be exercised with good practical judgment and in a hopeful, aggressive spirit. We should not specialize on any one gift, to develop, for instance, the gift of the ministry alone. In the religious movement of our day the tendency is more and more to appreciate the quiet, every-day work of the ordinary church member; and in our church, of all others, all the gifts should be developed and every member encouraged to take his right share in the work of the church. We must strive to cultivate a sympathetic atmosphere in which all gifts will flourish.

In individual guidance there must be harmony and sympathy with the gifts of others in the church, otherwise there cannot be the fullest harmony with God's will.

The efficacy of the ministry will depend upon the consistency of our individual lives, and largely upon the faithfulness with which other members exercise their less conspicuous gifts. The best preparation for service is the life of service and consecration. The new conditions of social life around us bring home new and searching tests of our own living. Are we measuring up to the claims of the enlightened Christian conscience of today, in regard to our business relations? our servants? our friends? Are we finding new points of contact with those around us? Points at which we can bring to them the effectual message of the gospel?

Are there not people in our immediate vicinity whom we never even try to influence for Jesus? About whom we have allowed ourselves to become hopeless, perhaps? Remember that Christ can save these, and we may be the instrument in His hand to do it.

We desire to express our sense of the importance of maintaining a reverent attitude during the offering of vocal prayer. The official members of the meeting should be careful to set an example in this.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

SAMUEL R. NEAVE,

Clerk,

tions, and we reverently trust, in the decisions upon which we have agreed. We earnestly desire that we may be

We acknowledge that the Lord has met with us and desiring that He may ever abide with us. we conclude to meet next year as usual if the Lord permit
Signed Sam^l R Neave
Clerk.

At Baltimore Yearly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight held by adjournments from the 15th of 11th Month to the 19th of the same 1912.

By reports from the subordinate meetings the following Friends are the Representatives to this meeting &c.

From Baltimore Quarterly Meeting: -

Sam^l R Neave, Lindley D. Clark, Louisa T. Brocke, Jane E. Hopkins, L. Oscar Moeur, Daniel J. Hoge, Sarah J. Jelliffe, J. John Jelliffe, Edward L. Palmer, Anna B. Thomas, and Anna M. Easterling.

From Dummings Creek Half Years Meeting: -

Annie Way Smith and Mary E. Way.

From Virginia Quarterly Meeting.