

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

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REPORT OF THE WORK AND CONDITION OF THE MINISTRY
AND OF OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEARLY MEETING.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The gifts of the Minister, the Elder and the Overseer are sacred trusts from the Lord, and are not to be used according to human caprice. We believe that in our Yearly Meeting most have been true to their trusts, but possibly some may have unconsciously come to feel that the employment of their gifts is a matter of their own choosing. We should bear in mind that, as the bodily functions are made more acute by intelligent use or lost by disuse, so it is with spiritual gifts. It may be that some, whose power for service seems weakened, have not recognized or used the opportunities presented. It would be well for everyone to examine himself to see if in our lives, by the things we do and say, we nullify our service, and if we bring forth fruit according to the Master's expectation.

Probably some of us have thought too much of our sacred offices as places of honor, and not enough of them as places of service, to be occupied for the Master. The faithful steward seeks out means of service not always apparent. Perhaps there has even been a shrinking from the duties clearly apparent. The work of Elders and Overseers is often thought of only as negative. There is, without doubt, constructive service for such as occupy these positions.

We urge the use of all talents entrusted to our care.

(Signed,) SAMUEL R. NEAVE,
Clerk of the Meeting, Y. M. of M. and O.

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 viz.

From Baltimore Quarterly Meeting: —

Sam^l R Neave, Lindley D. Clark, Louise T. Brooke, Jane E. Hopkins, L Oscar Moore, Daniel J. Hope, Sarah J. Jolliffe, J. John Jolliffe, 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.