

Third day 11th mo 18th friends met at the time adjourned to -

The minutes of last years meeting were read, Howard M. Hoge on behalf of the Representatives proposed the name of Margaret T. Carey for Clerk and Charles H. Hall for assistant Clerk which being separately considered were approved and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year -

The Clerk read a draft of the summary of the exercises of our last meeting which after a few changes was approved and it was directed that ^{to} it be sent down to our subordinate meetings with the suggestion that if way should open it be read in the First day Morning Meeting - It is as follows;

"Follow after love; yet desire earnestly the spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy". We have laid so much emphasis in the past upon the truth that it is God's prerogative to call and qualify his own messengers that there

has been a danger of overlooking our own part in the matter. We are not merely channels for the divine Spirit to work through; something more than mere passive willingness to do God's will is needed. We are told to "covet earnestly" these gifts and surely this implies active intellectual endeavor to equip ourselves for service. A. Munster in a small meeting may sometimes feel the burden heavy but he should not sit down in sloth and give way to his own sense of weariness or discouragement. On his knees before the Lord he must cry to God for a living message for the meeting. As we look back to the days of our fore-runners we see that conditions have changed greatly - Our day is crowded with a rush of life that threatens to rob us of all time for quiet retirement and meditation - Many of us are not our own masters, we are often weary and harassed. Is the day for a free Quaker ministry then gone by? Must we take refuge in the plan of paying some one