

From the Executive Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Pastoral Committee, to the members of the Pastoral Committee in the Subordinate Meetings.

DEAR FRIENDS;

In adjourning the Monthly meetings of our Pastoral Committee until the Fall, we send you a word of loving greeting and encouragement.

We feel that in looking over the condition of our Yearly Meeting we have cause to thank God and take courage. We believe that the work of the Lord is going on in all of our meetings, while the outward manifestation is more apparent in some places than in others.

Our committee has derived great benefit from meeting together once a month, and devoting an evening to the consideration of the state of our own, and the other subordinate meetings. At such times prayers have been offered, plans of work discussed, and reports from the various meetings have brought us into sympathy with their needs, making us realize that we are members of one family in Christ Jesus our Lord. We would urge upon you to have regular monthly meetings of your Pastoral Committee, and those appointed by your Monthly Meeting to cooperate with them. Let the needs of your meeting be discussed in the spirit of brotherly love, and be united in prayer to the Master that He may continue to fit and qualify you for His work. See if the way does not open to have social meetings held occasionally at private houses. There may be some who would enjoy a meeting if it was carried to them; and there are, in all neighborhoods, those whose state of health prevents their attending meeting. Again, some member of the Pastoral Committee might open his house and invite his friends and neighbors to come together. In these, and other ways the work would be advanced in your neighborhood, even if your numbers are small, and the distance from meeting great.

How often do we remark on the shortness of time when speaking of our temporal affairs! Let us also remember that our time for the Lord's work is short, and it is of inestimable importance that we should embrace each opportunity for the word in season to those around us, whether it be of warning, or sympathy, or encouragement. The real growth of a meeting is determined by the development of the various gifts, and this may be as well shown in a small, as in a large meeting. Let us remember the words of the apostle in writing to the Ephesian church: "Unto EVERY ONE of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. * * * And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Francis T. King, Chairman.

Baltimore, 6th. mo. 8th. 1885.

Then adjourned to meet at the usual time in 10th month next -
John Nicholson Sec. Pro Tem

Meeting" on Seventh day afternoon, and held a Social Meeting at the house of William J. Scofield on First day evening - On the 23rd of 5th Month four members of the Committee appointed by Baltimore Yearly Meeting met with the members of this meeting in their Meetinghouse at Ashton, to confer together in regard to the needs of that Meeting. Jos. P. Elliott wife, and Ann A. Sedfield and Jane E. White remained over First day and attended the morning Meeting and Bible Class -

The Monthly Meeting, on the recommendation of its Committee, has appointed two Friends in this Meeting as Overseers.

Hopewell Louis A. Hoge under date of 5th mo. 28. writes "For the past six months the average attendance on First days has been 15, and at Monthly Meetings 12" which is encouraging to them in view of the lifeless condition of that Meeting a few years ago. Their Social religious Meeting is held Monthly with an average attendance of 7 or 8. A satisfactory report of the condition of these Friends and their Meetings was given by one of our members.

London - Dr R H Thomas and Mary S. Thomas visited our Friends in Loudon County Va. on