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Referred to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Counsel with the approval of
Homewood Monthly Meeting, 2-24-1955

IN MEMORIAM

Howard M. Hoge

1862 - 1955

2/26/55 - J. Hollowell Parker
Read at Quarterly Meeting
held 2nd Month 26 1955 approved
and due to forward to General

Howard M. Hoge, son of Daniel J. and Sarah Elizabeth Taylor Hoge, was born on April 15, 1862 on a farm near Lincoln, Virginia. He died on September 20, 1955 at the Wynkoop Nursing Home in Leesburg where he spent the last ten years of his life. He is survived by his sister, Alice Taylor Hoge Warner, and a nephew, Dr. Howard Hoge Warner, both of Baltimore, Maryland.

Howard Hoge lived all his life in the Lincoln neighborhood where he was born. He went to school at Lincoln, completing his formal education at Jesse Wilson's school there, but continuing, all his life, an ardent student of the Bible and of all nature. For three or four years he taught school, at Wheatland and at Lincoln, but for the major part of his life he was actively engaged in farming. From 1895 on he farmed at Evergreen Home, where most of his married life was spent. He became Loudoun County's first Agricultural Demonstration Agent around the turn of the Century and was the first president of The Virginia Apple Growers Association, later turning his attention to dairying and cattle raising.

On October 20, 1886, he married Sarah Haines Smith. For fifty-three years, until her death on November 20, 1939, they worked together, sharing each others interests and working unstintingly for the things in which they believed. Both were active in the temperance movement. He was, for a time, president of The Loudoun Prohibition and Evangelical Association and, during the forty years of Sarah Hoge's presidency of The Virginia Woman's Christian Temperance Union, he travelled with her, giving unfailing support and frequently speaking for the movement.

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As a recorded Minister and a member of Lincoln Orthodox Friends Meeting from its beginning until 1950, when his membership was transferred, with his sister's and nephew's to Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Homewood, Howard Hoge was faithful in his attendance at Meeting and in all other responsibilities of membership. During their frequent travels, he and Sarah Hoge made it a habit to attend Friends Meeting wherever they were and he usually had a message for the Meeting.

Their later winters were spent in Florida where they were active in the beginnings of the Friends Meeting at Miami.

Howard Hoge's life was characterized by his deep commitment and faithful devotion to duty, his balance and serenity, his abiding interest in young people and his love of every growing thing. His cheerful optimism and the sweetness of his disposition continued to be evidenced through the tedious years of confinement before death finally brought release. We are grateful for this life lived among us.