

has been evident proofs of this being the case in that for one thing that the Epistles from the Yearly Meetings which this meeting has been in the habit of corresponding with have been referred to a committee to consider the propriety of reading them is a circumstance that I apprehend is doubtless new. And not only this but it is my judgment there is a manifest want of unity with the Ancient Society of Friends in that you acknowledge such who come here with minutes that have been disowned by the Society of Friends, already manifests to me that this meeting or those more active in it are not one with the Society on its original foundation. That they are connecting themselves with a new Society from whom minutes have been accepted and therefore here is a want of unity and of harmony.

And those who believe in the ancient doctrines of the Society of Friends and are desirous to remain attached thereto I don't see how these can sit in a meeting which thus identifies itself with the new Society that has lately been established, and if those that retain the ancient faith and doctrines of the Society and are desirous of maintaining its Discipline according as it has been for many years established, if these can not have the use of their meeting houses to do their business in, it seems to me that it highly becomes all such that they endeavor to seek for a place where they can maintain the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore on its ancient foundation."

Here he took his seat, when at the instance of Joseph Crist an ancient friend of great influence the clerk was going on with the business. But George Jones rose again and said--

George Jones' 2nd Speech

"As my mind is thoroughly sensible of the truth that this meeting has departed from the ancient doctrines of the Society I can not consider it right to be one with you in a meeting that has departed from the meetings of Friends or one that will thus disown the order that has been maintained by the Society, therefore I must leave the meeting and leave you to such choice as you have made."

As he pronounced the last few words he descended the steps from the ministers' gallery, when Jeremiah Brown a friend from Little Britain in his 79th year called out "Thou art quite welcome to withdraw", and a friend opened the door for him. Geo. Jones had scarcely left the house when Saml Carey said in substance as follows--

Samuel Carey's Speech.

"I approve of what my friend has said. I feel myself to be absolved from the Society. I believe it is owing to the Discipline being trampled under foot that things have come to this pass. Persons have been admitted to this meeting who approve of doctrines totally repugnant to the doctrines of Christianity."

As Saml Carey left the house a friend called out but not with a voice loud enough to be heard by all the meeting "Farewell Samuel."

The congregation was very quiet during the scene except that when Jeremiah Brown bestowed his parting benediction upon Geo. Jones there was a slight expression of lightness among the young people scarcely audible.

Upon the appointment of a committee to examine the Treasurer's acct. Jeremiah Brown proposed that the committee should be directed to take into consideration the propriety of nominating another friend to serve in the place of the present Treasurer (Hugh Balderston). The reason he assigned for this step was the custom of the Y.M. at times to change its officers. Isaac Brooks objected to this step. He expressed a fear that it was only a piece of policy to get the funds out of the Treasurer's hands because he did not belong to a party pleasing to the meeting. James Gillingham said the proposition was evidently of this character and ought to be let alone. Several friends expressed satisfaction with the present Treasurer and it was concluded not to give the committee the instruction proposed.

Shortly previous to the close of this sitting Dr. Worthington (of Deer Creek) expressed his judgment that the meeting had separated itself from the Society of Friends and that all who were in favor of holding Balt^o Yearly Meeting on its original foundation should meet together for the purpose. He was so much confused during the whole time he was speaking that he could hardly utter his sentiments--once he said in a voice loud enough to be heard only by those who sat near him "Let me compose myself and I think I can go on." (At the close of this sitting one of the Doctor's neighbours put his arm around him and said "Doctor we are neighbours, let us part in love.") Thomas Wetherald in a few very impressive remarks stated the impropriety he conceived there was in any manifestation of lightness or expression calculated to wound the feelings of those who had departed from us. He had no doubt they left us with better feelings than had many of us who remained behind.