

THE ESTABLISHMENT & HIST. OF BALTIMORE YLY.MTG.

In 1828 came the unfortunate separation the disastrous effects of which we all know.

In the same year (1828) a Committee of members from various Yearly Meetings of America met in Philadelphia to confer together on subjects of general interest. This conference met again in 1831 and was continued each year until 1853.

London Yearly Meeting in 1831 acknowledged our Baltimore Yearly Meeting as holding and maintaining the doctrines and principles of the Christian Religion as they have been uniformly held and maintained by the Religious Society of Friends, and refused to acknowledge any other Meetings than those associated with that Meeting. In 1844 upon the advice of a Committee composed of members of North Carolina, Baltimore and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings Virginia Yearly Meeting which lost most of its members through their moving West on account of their testimony against Slavery. was laid down and was resolved into a Half Years Meeting subordinate to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Because many of the members of Nottingham Quarterly Meeting rejected the authority of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and acted in direct violation of its commands in regard to receiving persons not recognized by Baltimore Yearly Meeting in 1855 this Quarterly Meeting was dissolved and Deer Creek Monthly Meeting was attached to Baltimore Quarterly Meeting. The growing difficulties between the North and the South aroused the concern of all Friends. During the war but little communication was held with the Meetings in Virginia on account of the armies of both North and South intervening.

The Meeting for Sufferings of Baltimore was kept busy during the years of the war, in watching the interests of our Friends, that their scruples and religious convictions should be recognized by the Government. Their