

At Baltimore Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopewell, Va. 4th Mo. 19th 1897

By reports from the Monthly Meetings the following Friends were the Men Representatives, viz. from

Baltimore { A. Morris Carey, John C. Thomas,
Miles White Jr. & Robt. B. Warder.

Hopewell - John D. Wright & Fred A. Cochran.

Deer Creek - N. Newlin Smith & Elisha J. Cook.

Paturont - Saml. R. Neave & Thos. Wetherald.

Lincoln { Samuel N. Brown, J. Thornton
Nicholls, & Wentworth C. Zeverly.

Ashton - Merritt M. Haviland.

who were present except H. for the absence of one of whom a reason was given.

The committee to nominate 2 Friends to serve this meeting as Clerk & Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, proposed John C. Thomas for Clerk & Robt. B. Warder for Assistant Clerk, which was acceptable to the meeting & they were accordingly appointed.

It was decided to hold this meeting in joint session.

The committee to arrange for a conference on the 7th day evening preceding this meeting reported that a conference was held at the time appointed & the following subjects were discussed.

1st The Holy Spirit, the believers' guide; the interpreter of the Holy Scriptures.

2nd Friends' views of the Holy Scriptures & the best way to teach the Bible to our children & scholars.

It was felt to be a time of profit & interest

and interest to all present."

A. Morris Carey, Miles White Jr., Hannah M. Pope, Elizabeth J. Hopkins, Rebecca E. Thomas, Rebecca J. Gould, & Chas. G. Thomas were appointed to arrange for a conference on 7th day evening of our next Quarterly Meeting.

The 1st, 2nd & 10th Queries were read, with the answers from the Monthly Meetings, and the following summary answers adopted to represent the present state of this Meeting.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been held, except one for worship omitted on account of rain. Those on First day ^{morning} have been attended by our members generally, & there has been an increase in the attendance & interest of our First day evening meetings in Baltimore. The attendance of the mid-week meeting is reported as satisfactory in one place & neglected in the other. Another report says that meetings for business are neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior has been avoided.

Ans. 2nd. We believe Friends have love one toward another becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing & detraction are discouraged & when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10th. We endeavor to deal with offenders seasonably & impartially & in the spirit of meekness & love.

The Monthly Meetings were recommended to consider the best plan to get their