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 Lewis W. to form a standing
 committee for one year to arrange
 (with the Yearly Meeting) for the holding of conferences
 should be open for it. It suggests
 that at the Yearly Meeting held in 1st Mo.
 in Baltimore, the conference should
 form an integral part of the Q. M.
 which would adjourn and hold an
 evening session for it. and that the
 same would be the case at the autumn
 Q. M. when the Q. M. would hold its
 first session on 2nd day evening.
 of the Committee

and Quarterly Meetings, of the Representative Meeting, the
 Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and finally the
 Yearly Meeting itself. He was also active on various Stand-
 ing Committees of the Yearly Meeting, and as a member of
 the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs. He
 threw himself heartily into all the various concerns to which
 he gave his time and attention, and his strong grasp of the
 questions that presented themselves was often very helpful
 to the work. Yet this very faculty made it difficult for him
 to understand how others could see differently, and in his
 earnestness for what he felt to be the right thing, he would
 at times speak more emphatically perhaps than he was aware,
 so that some would be almost afraid of his occasional brusque-
 ness of manner. But as years advanced, and trials and
 bereavements came, there was a perceptible softening of
 manner, and a patience foreign to his natural character was
 increasingly developed. Chief among these sorrows was the
 loss by death of his lovely and highly-gifted wife in 1888, a
 loss which made him turn in his loneliness with a still deeper
 trust to his Saviour, and enabled him to enter more closely
 into fellowship with other mourners.
 During the last months of his life the solemn character of
 his ministry on various occasions made a number of those
 who listened to him feel that the end was approaching. This
 was especially the case at the last two Quarterly Meetings
 that he attended—the one at Deer Creek, and the other at
 Lincoln. At this last he appeared to have a message for
 each condition present, and spoke at unusual length and
 with great power from the text, "And a man shall be as an
 hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest,
 as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great
 rock in a weary land." He shewed that this applies not
 only to the Lord Jesus, but also in some degree to men
 who live in the Spirit of the Lord, and that we are to
 be to one another such helps as are spoken of in this
 passage. Soon after this he went to Indianapolis to attend
 the Quintennial Conference, to which, as to the preceding
 two, he was a delegate from our Yearly Meeting; in this he

took a very active and earnest part. He was increasingly con-
 cerned that the doctrines and testimonies of Friends should
 be maintained in their integrity, especially those that relate
 to the voice of the Lord in the heart of the individual be-
 liever, and to the headship of Christ in our meetings for
 worship. One of his very last expressions in regard to the
 future of the Society of Friends was a deep concern that
 Friends should preserve their meetings for worship in their
 freedom from all official direction that would interfere with
 the right liberty of the individual.

On his way home he stopped for a First day at Urbana,
 Ohio, where he preached in one of the churches in that city.
 It was his last sermon, and the audience listened with deep
 attention as he spoke to them on the love of God and the in-
 fluence this should have on our lives. Already he had had
 several attacks of what was afterwards recognized to be
 neuralgia of the heart. This returned, and at the time of our
 Yearly Meeting in 1897 he was too unwell to come to the
 meeting, of which he was the Clerk. There seemed, however,
 no reason for immediate anxiety, and when the end came, as
 it did very suddenly, it was a profound shock to all.

The annual meeting of the Yearly Meeting's Pastoral
 Committee was in session when the news was brought;
 business was at once suspended and the members of the
 Committee, many of whom were his close personal friends
 and fellow-workers, gave expression to their grief, and a time
 of solemn prayer followed.

His sudden death at the age of 64, when we might reason-
 ably have hoped that he would have many more years of
 usefulness, is a loss to our Meeting that is not easy to estimate.
 Our prayer is that we may be enabled still to go forward.
 The watchword for the Church is, "The Lord is forevermore
 the same." As generation after generation passes, His word
 to those who are coming forward is what it was to Joshua of
 old: "I was with Moses, so will I be with thee. I will not

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