

by: A. Morris Carey, Miles White Jr., Anna K. Carey, John N. Parker, Anna B. Thomas, S. Thorton Nichols, L. Ella Hartshorne, Rachel J. Hopkins, J. Eden Wetherald and Lewis N. Hoge to form a standing committee for one year to arrange (with the Friends residing where the Quarterly Meeting meets) for the holding of conferences should way open for it. We suggest that at the Quarterly Meeting held in 1st Mo in Baltimore, the conference should form an integral part of the Q. M. which should adjourn and hold an evening session for it. and that the same should be the case at the autumn Q. M. when the Q. M. would hold its first session on 2nd day evening.

On behalf of the Committee

John R. Carey
Anna B. Thomas

Marion B. Young, Thos. Wetherald, Mary McCullough, Lacy Hirst, Jane E. White and Elizabeth Smith were added to the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting. Then concluded

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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 Standing Committees of the Yearly Meeting, and as a member of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs. 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 him.

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took a very active and earnest part. He was increasingly concerned 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 believer, 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 influence 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 reasonably 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, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee."