

united with, & she encouraged to proceed therewith as the Lord may direct, she being a minister in unity & good esteem amongst us. Our clerks are directed to give her a copy of this Minute & sign it on our behalf.

1<sup>st</sup> Answer. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been held. Those on First-day mornings are attended by our members generally. Those in the evening & on Fifth day are much neglected. Unbecoming behavior is mostly avoided. The hour of meeting is observed by most Friends, but some are in the practice of coming late.

2<sup>nd</sup> Answer. Friends maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale-bearing & detraction are discouraged. No differences known amongst us.

3<sup>rd</sup> Answer. Care is taken to deal with offenders seasonably & impartially, & to convince those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness & love before judgement is placed upon them.

A communication was received from our beloved friend Sarah F. Smiley returning the Minute granted her in Tenth Month last, with the information that she had held a

large number of meetings, chiefly in the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Rochester & Buffalo, & expressing her belief that the Lord had blessed her labors.

The following communication was received from our beloved friend Sarah F. Smiley resigning her right of membership in our Religious Society. Her resignation was accepted.

To Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

It is with very deep regret that I hereby resign my membership among you. The convictions respecting Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which I now conscientiously hold, so differ from yours that I am assured I only anticipate your own judgment in withdrawing. I could not do so had I the least hope of retaining my membership and my ministry among you. For the sake of continuing my ministry under your sanction, I could even feel myself personally excused from the outward observance of what I already enjoy spiritually. But I find that unless my convictions could also be changed, such a course would avail nothing in retaining your approval. In view of such an inevitable result, no excuse remains to hold me back from entire