

At Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends for the
Eastern and Western District held 10 mo 31st 1895
in joint session with women Friends:—

Memorial
for
James Carey

Bendersville Preparative Meeting—

The Committee appointed at our last Monthly
Meeting to prepare a Draft of a memorial
of our late beloved Friend James Carey, pre-
sented one which was read and approved and
our Clerk was directed to forward a copy
of the same to Baltimore Quarterly Meeting.
The Memorial is finally adopted by the
Yearly Meeting is as follows:—

A MEMORIAL OF BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
CONCERNING JAMES CAREY, AN ELDER.

The history of the lives of its members becomes the history of the Church. Especially is this true in the Society of Friends, where the concern of one member often becomes the concern of all, and the work of the concerned member becomes the work of the Church. Upon the recognition of this fact depends in a great measure both the unity and the progress of the Society. James Carey lived to be the last representative of a remarkable band of men and women who at a critical period in the history of Baltimore Monthly Meeting gave their strength and service both to the Church of their choice and the community in which they lived. From time to time, in memorials of these dear Friends issued by this Meeting, we have testified to these facts and commemorated their special service.

It is necessary that Christian faith should find expression in Christian living. Such living maintains the vital connection between one time and another, and shows to each succeeding generation the essential oneness of Christian character. The Christian standard is upheld by such lives, and handed down unimpaired to those who follow.

JAMES CAREY was born in Baltimore on the 20th of First month, 1821. His great grandparents were members of the Episcopal Church, and his grandfather, James Carey, was brought up as an Episcopalian. But when a young man he visited England, and was thrown into the company of John Wesley, to whom he became much attached, travelling about with him and becoming interested in the views he was then promulgating. On his return home it is probable he would have identified himself with Wesley's followers had he not about that time become attached to Martha Ellicott, whom he soon after married. She was a Friend and was an earnest spiritual Christian, and her influence and example induced her husband to connect himself with Friends. She was very desirous that James Carey, her oldest grandson, should be brought up as a Friend, and through her he was taken from a school in Alexandria, and sent to Haverford, which had just then been opened for the education of Friends' children. There he was much impressed with the different influences with which he was surrounded, and dated his interest and appreciation of the Society of Friends from the time which he spent at Haverford, often saying in after years that he could not sufficiently thank his grandmother for having been the means of his going there.

On returning home and going into business, he was much thrown into worldly associations, but still retained his love for Friends' principles, and generally attended their meetings. But it was not till some years later—at the time of Joseph John Gurney's visit to Baltimore—that under his ministry he became seriously impressed, and made an entire surrender of his heart to the Lord, and fully accepted the doctrines and views of Friends, which were ever after so dear to him. This visit of Joseph John Gurney to Baltimore was greatly blessed both in the conversion and strengthening of members and attendants of the Baltimore Meeting.

At this time James Carey gave his heart to Christ, and manifested his allegiance to the Church of which he was a member by the adoption of the plain dress of a Friend, which he afterwards continued to wear. He had an intelligent and cultivated mind, and a keen sense of humor, and was always a pleasant and agreeable companion. As a business man he was accurate, painstaking and successful, supervising himself all the departments of a large business, while at the same time he worked faithfully in the service of the Meeting, and in efforts to help his fellow-men, being instrumental in aiding many young men in getting situations, and in caring for destitute boys. He was married Fifth month 1st, 1850, to Susan B. Kimber, daughter of Thomas Kimber, of Philadelphia, who, with six children, survives him. During