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Friends expressed much affection and good wishes for Joan and Austin, and asked Byron Branson, Jeanne Newman and Andrew and Katherine Simon to advise with them if need should arise, pending the appointment of overseers of the marriage.

Friends welcomed a request from Irma Wilcox Simon to have her membership transferred from the Haverford Monthly Meeting and asking associate membership for Sylvia Wistar Simon. Satisfaction was warmly expressed and these Friends will be received as soon as the letter comes from Haverford Meeting.

A letter was read from London Grove Monthly Meeting, commending to the fellowship of Homewood Friends their members Geoffrey and Adelaide Corson and their daughter Linda, who are now living in Baltimore and have requested a sojourning membership with this Meeting. These Friends will be most acceptably welcome.

An expression of concern regarding the problem of integration in the Baltimore Schools was appended to the letter from London Grove. Following the Supreme Court decision of Third Month, 1954, abolishing racial segregation in the public schools, mixed classes were initiated in the Baltimore School System. Protests which took the form of absenteeism and picketing, were actually very few in relation to the peaceful transition which took place throughout the City. The following week all children were back in school, but not before the problem had received nation-wide publicity.

After a summary by Doris Shamleffer on the efforts of some Friends to allieviate the disturbance, the Meeting decided to reply to this expression of concern from London Grove Meeting, informing them of the effective operation of the law and of the activities of Friends.

Ministry and Council transmitted a request for membership on behalf of Ruth Fiesel, approved by that Committee. A favorable report was made by Harriet Tyson and Miriam Brailey. Friends were in unity in accepting this application.

A letter was read from Russell F. Fisher, M.D., Chairman of the Committee on Chemical Tests for Alcoholism, requesting support for the General Assembly bill to establish the test. The Clerk was instructed to endorse the bill on behalf of the Meeting.

It was reported that the Marylander Apartments, nearby, had made a new request for a license to sell bottled alcholic beverages. The Public Morals Committee will prepare a letter for the signature of the Clerk to be sent to the Liquer Board, protesting the granting of the license.

The Clerk read a letter signed by the Clerks of the two Baltimore Yearly Meetings, Edna Legg and Emmett Frazer, calling attention (1) to changes in statistical reports; (2) to the need for workers among young Friends and on problems of hospitality; (3) to the necessity for Stony Run reports to be ready for publication when Homewood reports are ready; (4) to the fact that news to be printed in the Interchange should be sent in at once.

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A letter from the Joint Peace Committee of the Friends Meetings of Washington announces an essay contest for secondary school students in Baltimore and Washington on peace subjects. Prizes will be \$25, \$15 and \$10, and essays will be due Second Month 1st., 1955. Young people who are Friends and attenders at Friends schools are eligible. The Meeting decided to send notices in individual Young Friends and to made announcement in the Newsletter.

The report of the Joint Social Order Committee was read and greatly appreciated. Among the activities reported were: A study by Committee members of aspects of the prison system; sponsorship of a D.P. family; efforts on behalf of improving race relations especially with respect to school de-segregation; entertainment of the Knox Presbyterian Church Choir on Good Friday, and cooperation with the community self-survey on race relations.

A study group, led by Marlin Dawson, will take up a comparative study of the Disciplines of the two Meetings (in Baltimore). The series will be sponsored by Ministry and Council.

A report of the work of West Baltimore Preparative Meeting was made by Doris Shamleffer and approved by the Meeting.

Marlin Dawson presented an encouraging report of his visit to Hopewell Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned to meet Eleventh Month 18th.

J. Harold Parker
Clerk

Helen Silbernagel
Recording Clerk
pro tempore