

At Baltimore Preparative Meeting on
Ministry & Oversight held 6/1 1899
The representatives to our late Quarterly
Meeting on Ministry & Oversight reported
that they all attended except one, for
whose absence a satisfactory reason
was given. The following Minute from
Baltimore Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at Hopewell
4/15. 1899. was read -

"To Baltimore Preparative Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight

Dear Friends.

At Baltimore Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at Hopewell Pa
on the 15th of 4th mo 1899 the following
Minute was directed to be sent to all
Our Preparative Meetings -

"We have again at this time been brought
under a deep Exercise of Soul that
we may realize our individual respon-
sibility as Shepherds of the flock.
The Lord Jesus Christ who said "I am
the Door, also said he that Entereth

by the Door is ^a the Shepherd of the Sheep.
Having accepted these positions in the
Church, shall we not in true humility
recognize our responsibility & seek to fulfill
it, lest we come under the love
pronounced by Ezekiel 34th Chapter
"to the Shepherds of Israel. That do
feed themselves, Should not the Shepherds
of Israel feed the flock?
Criticism & fault finding are not
food for the flock, standing aloof
or giving the cold shoulder is not
feeding the flock, neither are ~~careless~~
carelessness or indifference -
shall we not earnestly desire & seek the
wisdom given us to strengthen those
who are diseased amongst us, to
heal that which is sick, to ~~off~~ build up
that which is broken, to bring again
that which is driven away. & to seek
that which is lost. Remembering that
they were scattered because there was
no shepherd, & remain so chiefly because
none seek after them.

Signed James R. Moore Clerk