

and not for report to the meeting - The clerk can then, if he finds that any are neglected, bring them to the attention of Friends in such manner as he thinks best.

Then concluded -
 Wm Carey
 John Bang Clerks

II-28-1906 At Baltimore Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held second month 28 1906, 170 members were present -

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved -

Visiting The Assistant Clerk reported a number of the members of this meeting had sent him lists of visits paid, according to the plan adopted at last meeting, the total number of visits being upward of one hundred and fifty, and when compared with the list of members of the meeting he had found that very few had been overlooked -

Visiting The question having been asked whether this plan of visiting and reporting should include the Light St. congregation the meeting decided that both meetings were on the same basis.

Subject for next meeting The proper method of originating a proposition to recognize a gift in the ministry was determined upon as the subject for discussion at our next meeting.

A statement explanatory of a series of evangelistic meetings being held at Light St. with the assistance

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of magic lantern views by A. Morris Carey and George C. Wise Jr. was made, and the work was commended to the attention of Friends, that they may help in the work as they are able. The clerk was also directed to bring the matter before the monthly meeting with a view to securing an appropriation toward the expense of conducting the meetings -

Discussion
 of topic

By request of the clerk George C. Wise Jr. opened a discussion of the topic "When shall we ask persons to become members of our religious society." Several friends took part, somewhat as follows:

It makes a difference how anxious we are to have new members. In some places friends have stood aloof from persons who have newly confessed Christ, and have not taken any steps to bring them into our body - The church is not for perfect people, it is for those who are starting in the Christian life, to help them toward perfection. Some friends seem to think it necessary to educate persons to become firmers, but it would be better to ask them to join us when they give evidence of change of heart by a change of life. We should make it easy, not hard, for persons to apply for membership. We should use the new plan of associate membership, but not hold persons in it too long; it places a responsibility upon us to bring them on into full membership. We should take the position of holding to a high standard, and make clear what our views of Christian doctrine are, but ^{also} make it clear that we are doing it in the desire to bring the persons in, not to keep them out. We may even receive some who are manifestly weak and need help, running the risk of discredit to the