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At Baltimore Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held Tenth Month, 27th 1909, 12 members were present.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight reported that they all attended.

The clerk reported that he had prepared and forwarded to the clerk of the Monthly Meeting a report from this Meeting, as directed last month.

The following Minute was adopted ^{having been} prepared as directed last month, and it is agreed that it shall be read at the close of meeting on first day and afterward be forwarded by mail to the heads of families in this Monthly Meeting.

Reading of
Scriptures

Baltimore Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight would direct the attention of Friends to the blessing and strength which come from observing the latter part of the third query in our Constitution and Discipline: "Are you in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in your families, giving time for devout waiting upon the Lord?"

In the endeavor to live a consistent Christian life we must realize the need of daily renewal of spiritual strength. And while we have the privilege of communing with our Heavenly Father individually we shall each one find the observance of family worship a great help, and recognize its value in the religious training of the children

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of the household.

That the hurry and strain of modern life seem to make very difficult the observance of this practice is the more reason why we should persist in it, that in the calm of the "church in the house" we may gain daily the quietness of spirit which we so much need.

Whether in the morning, which is the best time when practicable, or at the evening meal, or just before retiring for the night, we would urge every household to gather for a brief period to read the Holy Scriptures, and to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Head of the family.

A concern having arisen for meetings for prayer for a blessing on our approaching Yearly Meeting, it was agreed to call such meetings on the next two Seventh day afternoons at 5 o'clock.

Then adjourned

John R. Leary
Clerk