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At Baltimore Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held, Truth no. 1st 1913, ten members were present.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight reported that two of them attended.

Comm^{ee} on
Status
about
members -
Light St

The committee appointed in fifth month to tabulate list of members was continued.

The committee to send out letter to absent members was continued.

The Monthly Meeting having directed this body to have a care of the religious meetings at Light St., Margaret T. Barry, Henrietta M. Thomas, James Carey Jr. and T. James Hunter are appointed to have especial charge of that work for three months.

Representatives - A. Morris Carey, Margaret H. Elliott, and Eugenia H. Parker are appointed Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and the following report is adopted:

Report

The past year has not been remarkable for any unusual developments. All our stated meetings have been held with about the usual interest and life. There has been very little change in the attendance as compared with the previous year, but it is probable that a careful count would have developed some falling off in numbers, certainly from the figures of five years ago. The harmony and spirit of fellowship among our members are very gratifying and have known but

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slight interruption. We recognize the difficulty of forming an intelligent estimate of the growth of spiritual life at any time, but it is especially difficult when, as seems to be the case at this time, the forms of expression of that life are changing. Brief vocal testimonies or confessions in public meetings from our members who are young either in years or in Christian experience, have become quite uncommon, and there does not seem to be much evidence of the reception of spiritual gifts. This is not encouraging, but on the other hand many of our young people are joining our present active workers in the field known as Social Service and their development may be quite as real although different from that of their parents.

We have given careful attention to the pastoral work of visiting our members, but despite all our efforts there are a large number of them who are apparently indifferent to the real work of the church. They are mostly persons of an outwardly moral life but they do not seem to feel the obligation to strengthen the life of the church and gain help for themselves by joining in its worship and service. We desire to perform our full duty toward these, but the way seems difficult. For some time last winter we met weekly for prayer for divine assistance in our work.

Then adjourned -

John Barry Clerk