

The women's Yearly Meeting to which was submitted the Epistle to our inferior meetings had given information of its approbation of the Epistle and that its Clerk was instructed to sign it. On the ground that our women friends were equally with us interested in the subject before us it was also laid before them and they subsequently informed us of their entire satisfaction with the measure.

The report of the committee on the Treasurer's A/C was received. The committee then informed the meeting they had agreed to propose that William E. George should be appointed in the place of our former Treasurer who had left us, and directed to receive from him the portion of our funds in his hands.

This having been the first sitting of this meeting after the orthodox friends left us it may be well to state that our business was transacted through it with much harmony, and no bitterness was expressed against those who had withdrawn.

5th day afternoon. The several standing Committees [viz] The Meeting for Sufferings and the Committee on Fairhill Boarding School, on Indian Affairs and on the Pasture Lot, were dissolved, but a committee composed of five friends was appointed who were directed to nominate to a future sitting friends to serve in all these stations.

Thomas Wetherald observed that "in his opinion some plan of conduct ought to be devised in regard to those who had separated from us. Some instructions ought to be sent down to our inferior meetings. It appeared to him that these friends had relinquished their rights of membership in our Society. We have seen said he the bad effects of disownments in another Y.M. and I think some step ought to be taken to avoid the unpleasant consequences which have resulted from this mode of procedure. I think the Discipline is not sufficient at present."

Another friend observed he had fears that these friends would undertake to controul us and our property and impose themselves upon the world as Baltimore Y. Meeting.

Some further remarks on this subject were made in which the honorable conduct of our orthodox brethren in retiring without making confusion was noticed by Thomas Wetherald, conduct very different from what had taken place in other Yearly Meetings. A minute was made on the occasion which was subsequently altered.

6th day morning. Samuel Macconnell opened this sitting with some very impressive remarks in which he said he felt on the present occasion like a Soldier going into the field of Battle (he was a soldier once). He told us that all the preaching and profession of Religion in the world would not answer the purpose for us unless we would give ourselves up to the guidance of the good spirit within us. He advised us to follow the example of Gideon who would not act against the enemies of Israel until he had received an intimation from his guide.

Roger Brooke offered a substitute for the minute made yesterday in relation to the friends who had withdrawn from us. It appeared evident to him he said that on the part of many there was rather submission yielded than unity expressed. This minute was not entirely satisfactory--the two were therefore referred to the clerks and a few other friends who were directed to comprise one from them and produce it to the next sitting.

A deputation was sent in from women friends informing us that after mature consideration they thought it right to appoint a committee to attend the subordinate meetings and render them any assistance which under existing circumstances may be required. The subject was seriously considered and a considerable number of friends appointed to unite with them in performing the service. They were directed to report to the Meeting next year.

(Apparently a leaf has been removed at this point.†  
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