Meting held in Philadelphia, were read to our satisfaction —
The following Friends are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to
each of those Yearly Metings, & the next Yearly Meting, to be held
in Virginia, to be produced to a future sitting of this meting Viz.
Evan Thomas, John Mason, Basil Brooke, John Wilson, Isaac
Everitt, Allen Farquhar, Joel Wright, Joseph Elgar, Thomas
Matthews of Susburg James Mendenhall, Joseph Janney John
Hough. —

Written Reports from each of our Quarterly Metings
containing answers to the Queries were received & read, being in
substance as follows. —

1st ..... All our Metings for Worship & Discipline are kept up
(except two at one small Meting) and duly attended by many
Friends, yet all the accounts mention a remissness in some, in the
attendance of those held on what is called Week days. — The
Hour generally observed — Instances of sleeping still continue to
be noted in each account, tho' some care appears to have been ex-
tended in that respect; other unbecoming behaviour in Metings
mostly avoided except a restless disposition, which one account
mentions is too prevalent with some, but is under Care. —

2nd ..... Many Friends are careful to maintain Love & Unity as
recommended, yet it appears that an increasing concern on that
account would be profitable: Tale bearing, Backbiting, & spreading
Evil reports mostly discouraged, tho' one account mentions not
enough by all, Care is taken to end apparent differences. —

3rd ..... A Concern prevails with many Friends, to bring up those under
their direction to the due attendance of Metings, to plainness of speech
Behaviour & Apparel, frequently reading the Holy Scriptures, to
discourage the use of pernicious Books, & Corrupt conversation;
yet deficiencies on those accounts, especially with respect to plain-
-ness of Speech & Apparel, is sorrowfully observed to subsist among us.

4th ..... Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds
of their circumstances & to avoid launching into Trade or bu-
-siness beyond their abilities to manage, — some deficiency is noted in
each account with respect to punctuality in the performance of Contracts,
&

& Payment of Debts, tho' some care appears to have been taken
on those accounts. —

5th ..... Most Friends appear careful to support our Testimony
against an hireling Ministry, taking or administring Oaths,
training or Military services, fraudulent or Clandestine Trade, and
Lotteries of every kind, except that one account Mentions too much
liberty is taken by some in attending Metings where an hireling
Ministry is maintained, & conforming therein. —

6th ..... Some Friends are careful to make their Wills, & settle
their outward affairs in time of Health, tho' too general a neglect
in these respects appears among us. — The Necessities of the poor
are inspected & Relief afforded, some care is taken with respect to their
children, tho' one account Mentions a fear, that their School learning
is not enough attended to. — It likewise mentions two Children being
placed from among Friends, the Guardians of one of them not being in
membership with us. —

7th ..... Many Friends are concerned to discourage the importation,
Vending, or distillation of Spirituous Liquors, Yet some deficiencies
remain on those accounts, which appear to be under care, one acct.
mentions some deficiency with respect to the unnecessary use of them:
Friends are generally careful to avoid frequenting of Taverns and
places of Diversion, & to observe a good degree of moderation on all
occasions. —

8th ..... Friends appear to be generally concerned, to support our
Testimony against Slavery, yet one instance of Slaves being held a-
-mong us appears, which is under care; such of them as have had
their Freedom secured & are under our care, are in a good degree at-
-tended to, except their School learning & spiritual Welfare; which
subjects are too Much neglected. —

9th ..... Offenders are dealt with in a good degree in the manner
prescribed except some instances of delay. —

The Representatives are directed to confer together at the
close of this sitting, & conclude on a Friend to transcribe our Minutes this
year & report to our next sitting. —

Then