appointed to agree with a Printer for that number, & to call on the Treasurer for the Money necessary to pay the expence.

The following Friends are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to those Yearly Meetings & produce them to a future sitting of this Meeting — John Wilson, William Matthews, Evan Thomas, Joel Wright, Allen Farquhar, William Hough, John Mason, Joseph Janney, Thomas Matthews, David Brown, John Cox, Thomas Moore, Isaac Everitt, John Butcher, James Gillingham.

The Epistle from London to this Meeting informs that Joseph Gurney Bevan, appointed one of our Correspondents, was not admissible on account of his being a correspondent for four other places.

The following Friends are appointed to settle and adjust the Treasurer's Accounts and report to a future sitting of this Meeting the State of the Stock, and what sum they may think necessary to be raised the ensueing Year Viz. Elisha Tyson Peter Wilson, Richard Hopkins Elisha Hopkins, Jonathan Wright Richard Roberts, James Hancock, Jacob Worley, Joseph Talbot, Stephen Gregg, Edward Beeson, John Haines.

The Representatives are desired to confer together at the close of this sitting, in order to conclude on a Friend to propose for Clerk this Year, & report to next sitting.

Then adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow Morning
3rd of the Week & 11th of the Month.

Near the time adjourned to, the Meeting Assembled.

The Representatives inform, that on conferring together respecting the choice of a Clerk, they agreed to propose Evan Thomas for that Service, & Joel Wright to Assist him, with which this Meeting concurs.

The Reports from the several Quarterly Meetings were read containing distinct Answers to the Queries, which are nearly comprized in the following summary account.

Answer 1st — All our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline are kept up, & on the first days of the week generally well attended,

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but some Members in most places too much neglect the attendance of Meetings for Worship on other days of the week, and one account mentions a deficiency in the attendance of some meetings for discipline The hour is said to be generally observed, yet some deficiency is noted in two of the Quarters. Instances of a drowsy disposition being too prevalent with some in most Meetings is mentioned in all the reports. Other unbecoming behaviour generally avoided, except a restless disposition in some of the Youth which is under care.

2nd — Many Friends are in a good degree careful to maintain Love & Unity; yet it is acknowledged that an increasing care therein would be profitable. Talebearing, Backbiting & Spreading evil Reports mostly discouraged, tho' it is believed more care is, in that respect, necessary Where differencies arise care is generally taken to end them.

3rd — Many Friends are in a good degree careful, to bring up those under their direction to the attendance of Meetings, to plainness of Speech, behaviour & apparel, in frequently reading the holy Scriptures, & to restrain them from reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world; yet we have cause to believe there are deficiencies among us in these respects, & in many instances a departure from primitive plainness in dress & behaviour is sorrowfully apparent among the Youth in most places.

4th — Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances & to avoid involving themselves in trade or business beyond their abilities to manage, and mostly careful respecting the latter part of the Query; yet some complaints of a want of punctuality in the timely complying with contracts is mentioned in the reports from two of the Quarters.

5th — Friends appear generally careful to maintain our Testimony against an hireling Ministry & the other particulars mentioned, yet a few instances of deficiency occurred in one of the Quarters which is under care.

6th — Some attention is given to settling Estates & making Wills in time of health, yet in general there appears a deficiency among Friends in these respects. A good degree of care is taken on re-