of divine light and life which inspired our primitive predecessors gathered them to be a people, and was the crown and diadem of their religious assemblies.

A concern was livingly and feelingly expressed that parents, and heads of families, may labour for a right qualification, frequently to assemble their children, and those under their care, in order to the serious reading of the scriptures of truth, as well as for private retirement in their families, practices, to which, it is feared, too many in our day have become inattentive.

Also, that our beloved youth may be encouraged to cultivate an acquaintance with, and love for the sacred writings, in which are contained the precious promises of life and salvation, duly regarding the holy spirit, from whence they came, and by which only they are truly opened. The neglect herein, and desire after the pernicious publications of our day, it is to be feared have been amongst the occasions of that too general declension amongst us. The testimony which, as a religious society, we have been engaged to support, against the unnecessary use of the destructive article of spirituous liquors, was again revived, & our members excited to a due observance of those affectionate advices, which this meeting has from time to time been engaged to have transmitted to subordinate meetings.

Our important testimony in regard to war, being at this time weightily brought before the view of the meeting — an exercise was experienced, for the rectitude of the members of our society, relative thereto. It was thought expedient to recommend to subordinate meetings, to encourage an individual application to their members where they may apprehend it necessary, under the influence of brotherly affection, for the purpose of strengthening the wavering, and confirming the faithful — that where sufferings are sustained, friends may be enabled to transmit a regular account of them to the meeting for sufferings, agreeably to the advice of the body, as contained in the printed discipline. And also where any unfaithfulness appears that friends may be duly apprised thereof, & timely attention paid to deal with the offenders.



The following friends were appointed to prepare an essay of a certificate, on behalf of our beloved friend Ann Alexander, expressive of our near unity and satisfaction with her, in her visit to the meeting last year, to be produced to a future sitting, to wit. Thomas Moore, Evan Thomas, Isaiah Balderston & Esa Moore

Then adjourned to the 10th hour to-morrow morning.

16th of the month, & 4th of the week.

According to adjournment friends met.

The standing committee on the pasture lot brought in the following report, viz.

"We the committee on the pasture lot agree to report

"That the money allowed us last year is nearly expended, and are of opinion, that two hundred and fifty dollars will be necessary for the ensuing year, the improvements in building not being yet completed, which we submit to the meeting. James Brown William Trimble Samuel Price John Ellicott Samuel Coale Benja Ellicott Thomas Moore 10mo 16

Which being read & considered was concurred with, & the committee continued to the service assigned them, who were left at liberty to call upon the treasurer for the sum specified.

A memorial for our deceased friend Mary England, transmitted through the medium of our meeting for sufferings, was produced, which being read afforded satisfaction, and was directed to be returned to that meeting in order to be recorded.

& The meeting at this sitting, having been renewedly brought into sympathy and tender feeling, on account of the distressed condition of the African Race in our land. Friends were afresh excited to labour in divine counsel and wisdom, to discharge the several duties which, as a people, we may owe to this afflicted part of the human family. &

Then adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

When friends again assembled

The report from Redstone quarter containing information that Concord and Short-Creek monthly meetings, had united in requesting the establishment of a quarterly meeting amongst them — and which they had agreed to forward for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting. The meeting after weighing the interesting subject, concluded to refer it to a solid committee, who were directed to confer with the representatives of Redstone Quarter, and inform