

morning following. The yearly meeting of ministers and elders is held on the seventh day of the week, preceding and now concluded to be opened also at the tenth hour in the morning.

The representatives from the quarterly meetings are annually to choose a clerk, and an assistant, at the close of the first sitting of the meeting for discipline; whose names are to be reported at the opening of the next sitting.

Representatives having the care of the reports from the quarterly meetings, are to put them into the hands of the clerk to the meeting for the preceding year, before the opening of the meeting for discipline, in order that time may be saved to the meeting, by a previous entry of the names of the representatives. No representative ought to withdraw, or leave the city, before the yearly meeting ends, without leave first requested and granted.

All communications directed to the yearly meeting, except from such meetings as correspond regularly therewith, are to be previously perused by a nomination of friends for the purpose; who are to consider and report, whether the same be proper to be read in the yearly meeting.

The design of our Annual meetings in their first constitution, being in order to a general oversight and care of the churches, pertaining to our christian communion, it remains to be our fervent desire, that good order, unity and concord may be maintained amongst us. We know that love and unity, founded upon christian principles, are promotive of truth and righteousness amongst ourselves, and we believe also, that when conspicuous in us they have their influence upon those around us. Under these considerations, we fervently desire, and humbly hope, that he, who hath, to the present day, preserved us a people highly favoured, will be graciously pleased, still to animate us with a zealous concern, that love and good will may predominate in us individually, and that union, peace, and concord, may prevail in every de-

partment of the family.

And, finally, friends, collectively and individually, may all our meetings be held with weight, as in the immediate presence of the head of the church: May the aged amongst us be examples of every christian virtue, and evince by the calmness of their evening, that their day has been blest: May the middle aged not faint in the stations; but, together with their elder and younger brethren, firmly support, yea, exalt the several testimonies which we are called to maintain. And, oh may the beloved youth bend early and cheerfully, under the forming power of truth; that each standing in his allotment, the harmony of the building may be preserved, and we may truly grow up into a holy temple for the Lord.

Under our deliberations upon the interesting subjects contained in the foregoing revised discipline, we have been favoured with the prevalence of a spirit of brotherly condescension. It was concluded to refer the work to the meeting for sufferings, for the purpose of having printed as many copies, as under the influence of wisdom they may apprehend to be necessary for the yearly meeting; and, when in readings, transmit as many copies thereof to our several quarterly meetings, as may be deemed useful.

Then adjourned to the 10th hour to morrow morning.

18th of the month and 7th of the week.

According to adjournment, friends assembled.

A memorial concerning our deceased friend Ruth Walton, transmitted to this meeting through the meeting for sufferings, was read, and directed to be returned to that meeting, in order to be recorded.

The subject of the improvement of the condition of the Indian natives, was at this sitting introduced, through the medium of the following report from our committee upon Indian concerns.