

Joel Wood, Isaac Steer, John Wright, John M. Therson, William Dixon, Goldsmith Chandler, Eli Elliott, Joseph Garretson, John Williams, John Janney, John Willits, Jonas Battell, George Smith, Camm Thomas, John Street, Robert Hannah, Richard Barrett, Samuel Dotts. —

Certificates and Copies of Minutes for several Sisters who attended this Meeting from neighbouring Yearly Meetings were produced & read. —

Then adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon. —

Friends again assembled pursuant to adjournment. —

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were produced & read, with the proceedings whereof the satisfaction of the Meeting was expressed; but in a particular manner in regard to the efforts of that Meeting in favour of the oppressed descendants of the African race. — That Meeting was continued, & encouraged to persevere in its attention to the interesting Subject. —

Then adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning. —

Sixteenth of the month and fourth of the Week. —

Pursuant to adjournment Friends assembled. —

From written Reports received from the Quarters in answer to the queries the following summary accounts were comprised. —

1. — All our Meetings have been held, — & for the most part those on first days have been attended by Friends generally; — but a remissness in the attendance of mid-week Meetings, and for Discipline having often prevailed many of these have been small. — Most Friends are careful to guard against unbecoming Behaviour when met; — but some instances of drowsiness and sleeping are excepted, and some have said to have been taken on that account. — The Hour of Meeting nearly observed. —

2. — A good degree of Love towards each other, becoming our Christian Profession appears to be maintained among Friends generally. — Tale-bearing and Detraction are mostly discouraged; — and when Differences have appeared endeavours have been used to end them. —

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3. — Many Friends endeavour by example and precept to educate their Children and those under their care in plainness of Speech, Deportment and Apparel; — to guard them against reading pernicious Books, and from the corrupt Conversation of the world; — and to encourage their reading the Holy Scriptures: But from obvious Deficiencies in these respects, — and the Deviations from plainness & simplicity observable among Friends, more care, in several of the Reports, is acknowledged to be necessary. —

4. — There does not appear to be any importer of spirituous Liquors among us; — though some instances of vending are noted, and likewise of having fruit and grain distilled. — Many Friends are careful to avoid, and to discourage the use of the article; — but there are others who have not been prevailed upon to decline it. — Frequenting of Taverns unnecessarily, and attending at places of Diversion mostly avoided; — and Moderation and Temperance in other respects generally observed; but care is said to have been extended on account of some Deficiencies relative to the latter particulars of this Query. —

5. — The necessities of the Poor and the Circumstances of such as appeared likely to require aid have been attended to; — and some care has been taken to assist them in Business, — and to promote the School-education of their Children. —

The Reports from the Quarters in answer to the Queries having engaged the solid attention of Friends as far as the fifth Query the Meeting adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon. —

Pursuant to adjournment Friends met.

6. — Answer. — Friends are generally careful to maintain our Testimony against a hireling Ministry, Oaths, Military Services, clandestine Trade, — prize Goods, — & Lotteries; — but some deficiency in regard to a hireling Ministry is noted in one report; — and in three others Deviations from our Testimony in regard to military requisitions are said to be under care. —

7. — Most Friends are in a good degree careful to live within the Bounds of their Circumstances, — and to avoid involving themselves in Business beyond their ability to manage; — also to be just in their dealings, — and punctual in complying with their Engagements; — But want of greater punctuality in some instances

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