

directed to take into consideration, and report their judgment of the proportions in which it will be best for the different quarters to contribute, in future to the Yearly meeting stock.

Baltimore Quarter forwarded in its report, a request for the reconsideration of that part of our discipline, which relates to the age at which the freedom of females ought to be secured. The subject was referred to the consideration of the following friends, who were directed to report to a future sitting—viz. Thomas Kenny, Andrew McCoy, John Chew Thomas, John Jewett, Roger Brooke, Joseph Grist, Joseph Garretson, Jonathan Jessop, Solomon Shepherd, Thomas Edmundson, Israel Janney, Edward Beason, Isaac Store, Thomas Store, & Mordecai Taylor. Thomas Moore, John Talbot, Abraham Branson.

Twelfth of the month and 3d of the week.

Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

By written accounts received from our quarterly meetings, the answers to the Queries were in substance as follows.

1st Answer. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been kept up (except one) and generally attended by most of their members, on first days, meetings on other days of the week, both for worship and discipline, are noticed in each of the reports to be too much neglected. Unbecoming behaviour therein is generally guarded against, and the hour of gathering nearly observed.

2nd. Love to each other, as becomes our christian profession, appears to be in a good degree maintained. Tale-bearing and detraction are discouraged, and endeavours used to end apparent differences.

3rd. Many friends endeavour by example and precept to educate their children and others who are under their care in plainness of speech, deportment & apparel, to admonish them against reading pernicious books. To keep them from the worst conversation of the world—likewise to encourage their frequent perusal of the holy scriptures—yet it is acknowledged that a more general care in these particulars is necessary.

4th. One instance only of importing spirituous liquors; & nearly clear of vending and distilling them, and friends appear to decline the common use of them, with some exceptions. Frequenting taverns unnecessarily, and places of diversion avoided, and a good degree of temperance and moderation observed.

5th. The necessities of the poor appear to have been attended to, and the school education of their children promoted.

6th. Our testimony against a hiring ministry, on the military service, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries, appears to have been generally maintained.

The state of society having claimed the attention of the meeting as far as to the 7th query.—Then adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

Friends again assembled pursuant to adjournment.

7th Answer. Friends are mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in burthens beyond their ability to manage; they are generally just in their dealings, & endeavour to be punctual in complying with their engagements, yet deficiencies have appeared in relation to which some care has been extended.

8th. Our testimony against slavery appears to have been generally supported, and the few coloured people, who have had their freedom secured & remain in the families of friends are provided for, and some care taken to give them a portion of school learning.

9th. Offenders are dealt with nearly as quick, except a few instances of unnecessary delay.

Answers to the Annual Queries.

1st. Rachel Matthews, an elder & member of Gunpowder monthly & particular meeting, deceased the 21st of the 4th month last, in the 83rd year of her age.

Elizabeth Coate, a minister & member of Deer Creek monthly and particular meeting, deceased the 29th of the 4th mo last, in the 63rd year of her age.

Alice Garretson an elder, deceased the 15th of the 7th month last in the 57th year of her age.

James Hughes, an elder, the 19th of the 9th mo last, in the 61st year of his age.

Mary Roberts, an elder, the 27th of the 7th mo last, in the 80th year of her age.

William Hensell, an elder, the 11th of the 8th mo last, in the 68th year of his age.

Mary Kenworthy, an elder, the 27th of the 3rd mo last, in her 63th year.

Benjamin Furdon, an elder, and member of Fairfax monthly meeting on the 6th of the 2nd month last.

Mary Hirst, a minister of Goose Creek monthly meeting the 28th of the 1st month last.

2nd. A meeting for worship in the afternoon on first-day, has been established at Alexandria.

3rd. There appears to be a number of schools, within the limits of this Yearly meeting taught by members of society, tho' not under the direction of monthly meetings.

4th. They are nearly so.

The meeting having been much exercised in relation to such people of the African race, as are retained in the families of friends, it was concluded to refer the further consideration of the subject to a committee, to report to a future sitting of this meeting.—The following friends were appointed to that service.

John Trimble, George Ellicott, Silas Warner, Jacob Tyson, Joseph Thornburgh, Israel Howell, Isaac Pearson, Joseph Grist junr, Jesse Wickersham, Samuel Willis,